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**EDUCATION** 

#### **WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE (WPI)**

B.S. in Computer Science, Minor in Robotics | GPA: 3.67/4.0 May 2017

Honors: Omicron Delta Kappa (Leadership Honor Society), Legacy Leader, Dean's List (recurring)

**Coursework:** Machine Learning • Deep Neural Networks\* • Object-Oriented Design • Compilers • Software Security • Computer Vision\* • Theory of Computation • Statistical Learning\*

**EXPERIENCE** 

## MICROSOFT | SOFTWARE CONTRACTOR | Cambridge, MA Oct-Dec 2016

 Working on the Garage program to modernize the data analytics and warehousing solution at the Museum of Science in Boston, including implementation of a real-time operations dashboard (Azure, Power BI) and automatic anomaly detection system.

#### QUANTLAB FINANCIAL | RESEARCH INTERN | Boston, MA

May-Aug 2016

- Investigated and implemented **compiler** feature additions (C++) for a proprietary language.
- Optimized, tested, and benchmarked a data processing routine for a globally deployed quantitative trading system, resulting in a computational performance gain of over 30% (C++).
- Designed an interactive JavaScript tool for visualizing complex tree data structures (D3.js).

#### SILICON LABS | SOFTWARE ENGINEER INTERN | Boston, MA

- May-Aug 2015
- Created a multithreaded Python GUI tool to run radio transmission hardware tests, allowing downstream users to work efficiently and view processed data in real-time (PyQt, matplotlib).
- Wrote a comprehensive suite of fuzz security tests for the Thread IoT mesh networking protocol stack, discovering and fixing several key vulnerabilities (Java, C).

#### JACOBS TECHNOLOGY | SOFTWARE INTERN | Nashua, NH

May 2014-Jan 2015

 Extended mission planning software for the Boeing KC-46 midair refueling tanker, resulting in conversion of raw data into a useful **HTML** summary format for pilots (C++, C

**PROJECTS** 

### **QUANTITATIVE TRADING RESEARCH** | WPI, Personal

Sept 2015-Aug 2016

- Built and deployed an SVM-based automated trading system with Quantopian/Robinhood.
- Investigated using **LSTM recurrent neural networks** combined with agglomerative clustering to predict intraday stock price movement (scikit-learn, Lasagne, Zipline).

#### PARK TRAFFIC ANALYSIS | CERES | Melbourne, Australia

Oct-Dec 2015

 Developed a combined observation/analysis technique for the CERES Environment Park to identify high-traffic areas (scikit-learn, OpenCV), leading to several exhibit improvements.

**SKILLS** 

**LEADERSHIP** 

### **PRESIDENT** | WPI Investing Association

Feb 2016-Present

- Leading over 20 students in financial education, simulated management, and competition.
- Founded a spin-off group for student collaboration on automated trading systems.

**INTERNAL GOVERNANCE CHAIR (VP)** | Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity Jan 2016-Present

• Serving as manager of the Cabinet, advisor for events, and enforcer of the chapter bylaws.