Nathan Tsai

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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles | Computer Science

SEPTEMBER 2015 - PRESENT

GPA: **3.4**

Major: Bachelor of Science, Computer Science and Engineering Completed Courses: Algorithms, Data Structures, Comp. Organization, Discrete Mathematics, Multivariable Calculus, Linear Algebra, Mechanics In Progress: Software Construction, Logic Design of Digital Systems

Dos Pueblos High School | Santa Barbara

AUGUST 2011 - JUNE 2015 Community Service Hours: 302 ACT: 34 GPA: 4.76

PROJECTS

Personal Website | Professional Portfolio

- Combined both static and dynamic features to create an aesthetic and interactive webpage using HTML, CSS, and Javascript
- Developed a scrolling functionality that animates the text based on the location of the window and highlights the current section in a table of contents
- Created alternative code for varying screen sizes that dynamically alters the layout of the screen, ensuring that the website is both tablet and mobile friendly
- Implemented parallax effects, typing animations, hover zoom capabilities, and button animations to enhance the navigation experience

Frackman | Interactive User vs. AI Video Game

- Based on the 1982 game Dig Dug, I implemented a game using C++, exhibiting concepts such as polymorphism, inheritance, and encapsulation
- $\dot{}$ Designed a method for the AI to follow the location of the player on the grid with a queue-based algorithm that performs a breadth-first search
- Devised a hierarchy of game objects to both distinguish the different objects and store them in a single array under a superclass to prevent code duplication

Blackjack | Virtual User vs. AI Card Game

- Programmed a virtual card game with Java based on one of the most popular casino games, by implementing an aesthetic interface and interactive graphics
- Constructed a decision tree that guides the AI and teaches it how to play the game and make smart decisions based on intuitive game logic
- Developed code that takes into account the varying values of the Ace card, assigning the card a value when it is advantageous for the player or the AI

SKILLS

Programming Languages:

C++, Java, Javascript, Assembly

Markup Languages: HTML, CSS

Programming Concepts:

Object-Oriented Programming, Data Structures, Sorting Algorithms, Inheritance, Polymorphism, Big O Notation, Encapsulation

IDE's: Eclipse, XCode, Microsoft Visual Studio

Programs:

Salesforce, Solidworks (CAD), Microsoft Excel, Powerpoint

Operating Systems:

Windows, Mac OS X, Linux

Languages:

English, Chinese, Latin

AWARDS

Dean's Honor List

Scholastic distinction granted to UCLA engineering students who obtain a GPA of **3.7** or above and enroll in at least **15** units during any quarter (Spring 2016)

AP Scholar With Honor

Granted to students who score at least a **3.25** on all AP Exams

Community Service Award

Awarded to students who have given at least **200** hours to the community thru volunteer work