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Education

08/2017 - 06/2021 B.A. Computer Science, Mathematics, Luther College, Decorah, IA.

Double major in mathematics and computer science. Academic advisor: Dr. Alan K. Zaring.

10/2016 - 12/2016 Sales MBA Diploma, International Sales Institute, Tbilisi, Georgia.

Rigorous trainings in inbound & outbound sales, merchandising, and marketing operations.

09/2011 - 07/2016 High School Diploma, Komarovi Campus School, Tbilisi, Georgia.

Graduated with the highest honors. Represented the school in various math and physics olympiads.

Work Experience

02/2020 - 09/2020 R&D Intern, Mayo Clinic, Kern Center, Rochester, MN.

- Major-authored several papers that got accepted at the world's major AI and biomedical informatics conferences/journals (ACM-BCB, JAMIA, etc).
- o Created an automated COVID-19 screening tool based on decision trees to assist nurses and physicians.
- Made significant contributions to COVID-19-related projects, resulting in several manuscripts and reports.
- Reviewed over 15 state-of-the-art AI/NLP papers.
- Presented papers/projects and communicated with multidisciplinary teams.
- Developed and applied state-of-the-art AI and NLP techniques.
- o Worked directly under Dr. Feichen Shen and Dr. Yanshan Wang in the division of Dr. Hongfang Liu.

08/2018 - 12/2019 Preceptor, Luther College, Decorah, IA.

Fall 2020 Computational Models (CS 260) with Dr. Alan K. Zaring.

Fall 2019 Object-Oriented Programming With Java (CS 252) with Dr. Shafqat A. Shad.

Fall 2018 Introduction to Computer Science (CS 150) with Dr. Alan K. Zaring.

- Held help hours and assisted students with homework assignments.
- Attended all classes and answered students' questions during the labs.

06/2018 – 12/2018 Web Programmer, Luther College, ITS - Software Development, Decorah, IA.

- o Contributed to the brand new Norse Hub web system which has successfully replaced my.luther.edu.
- Communicated with the team, wrote reports, and attended weekly SCRUM meetings.
- o Conducted performance & load testing using JMeter and presented the results.
- Created a data visualization tool utilizing JavaScript DOM.
- Migrated from the Microsoft to the Linux server and refactored the Python code.

03/2017 - 07/2017 **Co-Founder and CEO**, *Warbler*, Tbilisi, Georgia.

- Spearheaded the team of young and enthusiastic software developers.
- Processed five-year data (180k+ rows) of UNE (Unified National Exams of Georgia).
- o Designed the logo; built the pitch, presentation, and the WordPress-based website for the start-up.
- o Created a social media chatbot using Chatfuel API and set up Zoho mailing system.

11/2016 – 09/2017 Freelance Graphic Designer, Behance (not affiliated).

- o Designed logos and posters for various companies in the local and the global market.
- o Instructed and taught the basics of design to several aspiring graphic designers.

10/2016 - 06/2017 Sales Representative and Marketing Coordinator, Insta LLC, Tbilisi, Georgia.

- Partook in the complete rebuild and redesign of sales and marketing departments.
- o Contributed to the CRM, was responsible for data gathering, filtering, and entry.
- Managed social media, responsible for targeted campaigns, copywriting, and image-editing.
- o Cold-called and contacted clients to build and maintain long-term relationships.
- Attended a number of staff meetings and new product/partner presentations.

Research Experience

Fall 2019 Directed research in programming languages with Dr. Alan K. Zaring.

- Redesigned and made a few significant contributions to the type system.
- Introduced the notion of container types to the language.
- Designed relational operators for container types.

Summer 2019 Collaborative research on visual persuasion with professor Richard K. Merritt.

- Trained convolutional neural networks for image recognition using PyTorch.
- Wrote Python scripts for PDF image/text extraction and data cleanup.
- o Performed an extensive set of both statistical and textual/NLP analyses using state-of-the-art algorithms.

Summer 2018 Collaborative research on unit testing with Dr. Roman Yasinovskyy.

- Automated feedback generation for C++ programming course.
- Redesigned and significantly improved SQL and relational algebra solution checker.
- Designed testable practice problems for the algorithms and data structures course.

Volunteer Experience

2016 Transparency International Georgia

2016 Khan Academy

Observed Georgian Parliamentary Elections Subtitled Georgian and Russian videos

Activities and Memberships

2020 - Present Member, Pi Mu Epsilon (Math Honor Society)

2017 - Present Member, Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)

Honors and Awards

2017 – 2020 Multiple Competitive Scholarships, Luther College

2018, 2019 Recipient of 2 Luther College Dean's Office Summer Research Awards, Luther College

All Semesters Dean's List Recipient, Luther College

2017 Selected Start-up Project (UnleashAR), TOP 200, Wolves Summit

2016 Gold Medal for Academic Excellence, Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia

2011 - 2016 Five-time Finalist (7th Place, TOP 10, in 2014), National Mathematics Olympiad of Georgia

2014 IMO & IPhO Nominee, Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia

2011 - 2016 Won a number of various mathematical olympiads, Varied

Language Proficiency

English, Native

Russian, Native

Japanese, Elementary

Mingrelian, Native

Georgian, Native

Technical Skills

Languages: Python, C++, Haskell, C, Shellscript (POSIX-compliant), TypeScript, Rust, JavaScript, Java, R, HTML,

CSS, Bash, Zsh, Vimscript, SQL, Lua, Standard ML, Prolog, CCL.

Development macOS, Linux, kitty, Neovim, VS Code, Git, Jekyll, WordPress, Virtual Box, GitHub, Jupyter, SageMath,

Tools: RStudio, Cron, Travis CI, Blender, Unity, Adobe Illustrator, ZBrush, Substance Painter, 3DS Max.

Other Skills: LATEX, Technical Writing, Markdown.

Other Courses and Certificates

2019 Machine Learning & Al: Advanced Decision Trees, LinkedIn Learning

2019 NLP with Python for Machine Learning Essential Training, Linkedin Learning

2018 Machine Learning Crash Course, Google

2017 Think About It, Campus Clarity

2017 How to Rock Social Media, LinkedIn Learning

2016 South Caucasus Leadership Forum Participant, GSFL, Friedrich Naumann Foundation

2016 Parliamentary Elections Observation Mission Training, Transparency International Georgia

Publications and Other Manuscripts

- 2020 A Qualitative Evaluation of Language Models on Automatic Question-Answering for COVID-19 (presented at ACM-BCB)
- 2020 Constructing Co-occurrence Network Embeddings to Assist Association Extraction for COVID-19 and Other Coronavirus Infectious Diseases (published at JAMIA)
- 2020 Setting Up Python Development Environment for Use in a Small Classroom (presented at MICS)
- 2019 Textual and Statistical Analysis of Russian IRA Facebook Advertisements

- 2019 Type Inference Rules For Container Types in CCL
- 2019 The Topology of Robotic Configuration and Motion Planning
- 2018 Unit testing frameworks in the classroom (applied research report)
- 2018 Photography as a socially influential medium in Jennifer Baichwal's Manufactured Landscapes