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#### **FDUCATION**

#### **CORNELL UNIVERSITY**

BS IN ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING

May 2012 | Ithaca, NY
College of Engineering
Conc. in Electrical Engineering
Conc. in Computer Science
John McMullen Dean Scholar
Goldfarb Cornell Tradition Fellow

## LINKS

Github:// paulkiernan LinkedIn:// paulkiernan Twitter:// @gaelic

## **COURSEWORK**

Robot Learning Operating Systems Open Source Software Engineering Unix Tools and Scripting C++ Programming Computer Architecture Digital Systems Design Using Microcontrollers Microelectronics **Embedded Systems** Computerized Instrumentation Design Digital Logic Design Discrete Structures Signals & Systems Probability and Inference Lasers and Optoelectronics Controlled Fusion

## SKILLS

#### **PROGRAMMING**

Over 60,000 lines:

Python

Over 5000 lines:

Java • Shell • Matlab • LATEX

Over 1000 lines:

MySQL • C • C++ • Assembly

Familiar:

JavaScript • CSS • PHP

## **INTERESTS**

Cooking • Boxing • Particle Physics Fusion Engineering • Music Aerospace Engineering

### **EXPERIENCE**

## **MOAT** | SOFTWARE DEVELOPER

May 2012 - Present | New York City, NY

- Developed the full-stack behind Moat Pro, an enterprise ad-intelligence platform that allows markets to research trends in the online advertising industry.
- Developed network of web crawlers (Moatbots) capable of programmatically detecting, capturing, and indexing online advertisements.
- Extended Moatbots to index rich-media advertisements in addition to traditional Standard IAB formats.
- Extended Moatbots to include regional indexing capabilities, e.g.- develop a representation of the UK ad landscape by proxying traffic through UK servers.
- Developed ETL for consuming warehoused Moatbot data and transforming it into an optimized, queryable form.
- Refactored ETL to aggregate indexed results across different regions.
- Developed API to cache architecture for client side report generation.
- Developed Pyramid web application that used the client API to serve reports.
- Developed autocomplete service for web application that served as the primary means of directing site traffic.
- Developed Pyramid middleware for logging user engagement with the client-facing brand intelligence tool.
- Developed homebrew real-time analytics tool for consuming engagement data to build reports on site usage patterns and behaviour.
- Deployed a Jenkins continuous integration server for regression testing.
- Developed homebrew heterogeneous server role and configuration deployment system in Amazon's EC2.

# **CORNELL UNIVERSITY** | LINUX INFRASTRUCTURE CONSULTANT

Jan 2009 - May 2012 | Ithaca, NY

- Lead undergrad consultant at the Laboratory for Elementary- Particle Physics.
- Designed, installed, and serviced solutions for a network of high-performance computational nodes used in the study of beams and accelerators, photon science, and particle physics.
- Managed a complex network of heterogeneous Linux nodes responsible for serving the department's administrative tasks.

## RESEARCH

## **CORNELL ROBOT LEARNING LAB** | UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCHER

Jan 2011 - Mar 2011 | Ithaca, NY

Worked with **Prof. Ashutosh Saxena** to create a supervised learning algorithm for finding good object placements using point-clouds of an object and its surrounding area. Implemented the algorithm on an Adept Viper s850 robotic arm equipped with a Microsoft Kinect. SVM models built from our training examples attained performances in excess of 80% for both precision and recall on both flat and non-flat surface placement. **Publication** .

## **CORNELL SPACE SYSTEMS DESIGN STUDIO** | POWER SUBTEAM

May 2010 - Dec 2010 | Ithaca, NY

Designed and fabricated the ATxmega128 based power distribution system for Cornell's operationally responsive, high agility space imaging system codenamed 'Violet'.