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Education University of California Berkeley

2011 - 2015 (expected)

B.S. Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS)

Coursework: Structure and Interpretation of Computer Programs, Data Structures, Machine Structures, Discrete Mathematics and Probability theory, Artificial Intelligence, Structure and Interpretation of Systems and Signals, Microelectronic Circuits

The Harker School 2007 - 2011

Student, speaker, speechwriter, musician, engineer, troublemaker.

Experience Software Eng

Software Engineering Intern at RewardMe

May 2012 - July 2012

Designed and programmed an A/B testing framework for customer marketing campaigns and internal testing. Implemented a bulk-emailing service and payments/invoicing service to automate a lot of work that was previously done manually. Worked on the full stack from backend (JBoss, Memcache, Stripe, SES, and MySQL) to frontend (HTML5, CSS3, Javascript, JQuery).

Research Intern at Carnegie Mellon University

June 2011 - August 2011

Developed considerate systems and artificial intelligence for a PhD. project exploring how manipulation of speech can enhance the understandability of multi-party conversations. Extensively used C++, CLAM, git, and Unix while dabbling in Ruby on Rails and Android development. Also learned methods for signal analysis and signal manipulation.

Executive President of Harker Robotics Team 1072

August 2007 - May 2011

Competed in high school engineering competition involving student-built 120 lb robot. Led overall design, collaborated with local mentors and machinists, managed logistics, recruiting, and retention for 100-person team, placed as quarterfinalists in UC Davis regional for the first time in three years. Expanded team from 40 active members to 100+ active members, started a community outreach and volunteering program.

Bioinformatics Intern at Hunter Laboratories

June 2010 - August 2010

Used statistical and probabilistic analysis to analyse the accuracy of a novel RNA based test in predicting the onset of carcinogenic HPV infections.

Projects

Visit gaoism.com/projects.html or github.com/pgao

Extracurriculars

Hackers@Berkeley Officer

Oct 2011 - present

I go to hackathons, eat free food, and teach practical software/hardware technologies to people interested in learning vital stuff that school doesn't cover.

Eta Kappa Nu

January 2012 - present

Joined EECS honour society. Students invited to join must be in the top 25% of all EECS students with junior standing. I was part of the Tutoring committee for a bit.

Skills

Python, Java, C++, Mathematica, Autodesk Inventor, Django, HTML5/CSS3/Javascript

JQuery, SQL, git, JBoss, Arduino, node.js, LATEX

Mandarin, Spanish, manual and CNC machining, electrical engineering, robot design

Picking up new languages, frameworks, and skills on the go

Awards

AngelHack Summer 2012 Finalist

National Engineering Design Challenge Semifinalist

BAE Industrial Design Award, CalGames 2011, FIRST Robotics 3rd place: Barracuda Networks Rack-O Algorithmic Competition

2nd place at Synopsys Science Fair