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Programming / Technical Tools

Python, Pandas, NumPy, SciPy, Django, FastAPI

C, Fortran, Java, R, MATLAB, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, React, Svelte, Sveltekit, Tailwind, TypeScript

SQL, SQLite, mySQL, NetCDF, DynamoDB, AWS (S3, ECS)

Git, GitHub

Agile, Sprints

Linux, macOS, Windows

Education

Non-Matriculated Computer Science Student, University of Puget Sound, 2021 – 2023

- **Completed Coursework:** Algorithms and Data Structures, Software Engineering, Databases, Operating systems, Artificial Intelligence, Natural Language Processing

Ph.D., Physical Chemistry, University of Washington

B.S., Chemistry, with Honors (Minor in Mathematics), University of Puget Sound

Professional Experience

Software Engineer Intern/Contractor: 2nd Chair LLC

11/2023 – 02/2024; 07/2024 - present

- Assisted in CI website development (<https://www.2ndchair.ai/>) using Sveltekit on Vercel, Typescript, Tailwind, AWS ECS & S3, including search engine optimization and website analytics.
- Developed Python code to upload and parse PDFs in support of machine learning algorithm.
- Coordinated effort to achieve SOC2 attestation.
- Ideated key performance indicators, reviewed tracking methodologies and off-the-shelf solutions.

Research Scientist: NorthWest Research Associates, Inc

2016 – present

- Developed Python code to analyze measured and model data to investigate role of clouds and radiation during foehn and atmospheric river events in Antarctica. See, e.g. [here](#) and [here](#).
- Created CLOUD and Atmospheric Radiation Retrieval Algorithm ([CLARRA](#)), which uses Levenberg-Marquardt inverse retrieval for retrievals from remote-sensing infrared radiation measurements.
- Created [websites](#) and [webapps](#) and co-developed 8 [computational modules](#) that teach multidisciplinary topics using Excel, Jupyter Notebook, or RStudio; several ranked exemplary.
- Developed code to interpolate and compile temperature-dependent [refractive indices of water](#).

Research Affiliate: University of Santiago, Physics Dept.

2014 – 2020

- Conducted and led field work at research platform at Chilean Antarctic station.
- Collected, cleaned and analyzed multi-year, continuous atmospheric measurement time series.
- Measured concentrations of soot pollution in snow in Chilean Andes and assessed impact.

Research Affiliate: University of Idaho, Dept. of Geography

2012 – 2014

- Developed code for retrieving atmospheric temperature and greenhouse gas concentrations from remote-sensing time series of downwelling infrared radiation.

Programming Experience/ Projects

[CAMBIO climate model](#). Created with collaborators as part of an NSF-funded project. 2022 - present

- Allows users to run a simple climate model, and plot output metrics such as atmospheric CO₂.
- Created using Poetry, Django, SQLite, Python, and CSS. Hosted on fly.io using gunicorn for the server and WhiteNoise for serving static files. Versioning with Git on GitHub.
- CAMBIO is used in courses “Modeling Earth’s Climate” and “Chemistry in a Changing Climate”.

[My web page](#). Created to share software engineering and scientific programming projects. 2020 - present

- Demonstrates research and projects, and provides links to projects.
- Created using Sveltekit, Tailwind and TypeScript. Version control with Git. Hosted on GitHub pages.

[Plant Share web app](#). Created for sharing native plants of the Pacific Northwest

2023

- Allows users to request or share plants after registering and signing in.
- Created using Poetry, FastAPI, SQLite, Python, React and CSS. Versioning with Git on GitHub.

[Sudoku Solver](#). Created as a project for courses in Artificial Intelligence and Software Engineering. 2022

- Demonstrates how backtracking, AC-3, and heuristics can be used to solve a sudoku puzzle.
- Created using Python; converted to web app using Javascript, CSS, and HTML. Code on GitHub.
- The Sudoku Solver can be used to explore data science, AI and machine learning concepts.