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#### **EDUCATION**

## Georgia Institute of Technology

08/2021 - 05/2025

B.S./M.S in Computer Science (Interactive Intelligence) — GPA: 4.0

Atlanta, GA

• Coursework: Java OOP, Data Structures, Computer Architecture, Discrete Math, Algorithms Honors, Artificial Intelligence

#### SKILLS

Programming Languages | Python, TypeScript/Javascript, Go, C/C++, MATLAB, Java

Frameworks / Libraries | React, Jest, Express, NumPy, Pandas, Matplotlib, Scikit Learn, PyTorch, Keras Misc. Technologies | Git, Jira, Github Actions, Vim, REST, Firebase, PostgreSQL, SQlite, Docker, LaTeX

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Tanium** — *Software Engineering Intern* 

06/2023 - 08/2023

- Developed **RESTful API** routes and frontend elements for a new interface that audits user **CRUD** operations on an underlying **PostgreSQL** database, improving customer visibility into the server console's state by 10x.
- Exercised test-driven development and data validation using **Jest**, **Jasmine**, and **Joi** to ensure UI and API reliability.
- Delivered rapid improvements & bug fixes in a **Knex.js** and **React TypeScript** monorepo, tracked using **Jira Kanban**.

# **Georgia Tech College of Computing** — Teaching Assistant

01/2023 - Present

- Led biweekly lecture sections of a 50-student cohort in CS 2110: Computer Organization & Programming.
- Mastered and taught the foundations of computer architecture, datapath tracing, LC-3 assembly, and the C language.
- Aided 800+ students in course material inquiries and assignment debugging through office hours and student Q&A forms.

# **Union Pacific** — *Technology Intern*

05/2022 - 08/2022

- Deployed an internal tool to simulate prices for hypothetical shipments based on past trends; actively used by sales team.
- Designed ML regression models for such price simulations/estimations using Salesforce CRM Analytics and XGBoost.
- Performed rigorous feature engineering on historical shipment datasets to maximize model accuracy up to 97% and decrease error margins of estimations by 31% versus UP's existing pricing analytics solution.

#### **Georgia Tech EPIC Lab** — *Undergraduate Research Assistant*

01/2022 - 08/2023

- Analyzed data across 400+ experimental trials to discover optimal human exoskeleton torque assistance profiles.
- Automated a data pipeline for N-D signal time series into MATLAB structures for convenient access and distribution.
- Optimized data loading for **ConvNet** gait phase estimators to be 25x faster with NumPy vectorization.

# **Brooklyn College CUNY** — Independent Researcher

07/2019 - 12/2021

- Performed research on audio and vision deep learning applications under Dr. Michael I Mandel.
- Refined an existing bird audio detection **neural network** to be over 90% accurate using the PCEN audio preprocessor.
- Utilized foreground segmentation models to predict and automatically annotate animal presence in image data.
- Co-Author of a 2020 **IEEE ICASSP** conference paper featuring my research on ML for bird audio detection.

## **Projects**

## LC-3 Program Assembler and Simulator ( ) | Go, Assembly, Little Computer 3

- Built a computer simulator in Golang that executes object files, satisfying nearly all specifications of the LC-3 ISA.
- Assembler supports syntax error checking and conversion from LC-3 assembly into object (binary) executables.

# **Solar Car Telemetry System (7)** | C++, PlatformIO, SQLite

- Prototyped a real-time solution to measure and transmit vital statistics of a solar car to a local **SQLite** database.
- Programmed microcontrollers for precise communication between multiple hardware modules (GPS, ADCs, LoRa Radio).

## Achievements

- Cultivated 700,000+ viewers and 950+ followers in my technology/programming blog on Medium.
- Winner of the 2021 Milton Fisher Scholarship for Innovation and Creativity.
- 1st Award Winner of the 2020 Terra NYC STEM Fair.