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## **LANGUAGES AND TECHNOLOGIES**

- Excellent: **Python, Java**    Good: **Ruby, AngularJS, node.js, p5.js**    Prior: **C++, Matlab**
- **Creative Technology, Design Thinking, Audio Signal Processing, Test Driven Development, Data Structures, Algorithms, Agile / Scrum**

## **WORK**

### **Venture Design Fellow**

June - August 2016

#### **IDEO**

San Francisco, CA

- Rapidly prototyped the viability of several startup ventures centered around Internet Of Things and blockchain technology
- Full-stack development for [Plenty](#), a peer-to-peer inventory management system for restaurants

### **Senior Software Engineer - Recommendation Engines**

April - May 2016

#### **Pop Up Archive**

Oakland, CA

- Designed and developed a recommendation system for audio podcasts for Ruby on Rails app
- Content-based recommendations from natural language processing of podcast transcripts
- Collaborative-filtering using user listening data to identify 'similar users'

### **Software Engineer**

July 2013 - February 2015

#### **Google**

Mountain View, CA

- Artificial Intelligence / Natural Language Processing team
  - Developed evaluation framework for NLP techniques that auto-extract ad headlines from advertiser's landing pages
  - Led the initiative to design and implement end-to-end testing for automatic extraction of product testimonials from Google Play reviews
- YouTube
  - Developed a plug-and-playable testing environment for YouTube Developers, providing a simple, flexible integration testing framework for ~500 engineers
  - Led the design and implementation of Test Therapy, an intelligent Python test-runner that automatically finds and instantly runs applicable unit-tests based on what files a developer is editing

### **Software Engineer in Test**

December 2011 – May 2013

#### **Spectra Logic**

Boulder, CO

- Architected and wrote an extensible automation framework which integrates SCS, Selenium, and XML protocols to test core product functionality

## **CREATIVE**

### **Teaching Assistant — Creative Code Immersive**

January - March 2016

#### **Grey Area Foundation For The Arts**

San Francisco, CA

- Teaching web skills (p5.js, node.js, HTML/CSS) and physical computing (Arduino, Raspberry Pi) to 12 students for building interactive art installations

## **EDUCATION**

### **Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering**

May 2009

Rutgers University

New Brunswick, NJ

- Concentrations: Software Engineering, Digital Signal Processing