## **Richie Mendelsohn**

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#### **LANGUAGES AND TECHNOLOGIES**

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

#### WORK

# Senior Software Engineer - Machine Learning / NLP Pop Up Archive

April 2016 - Present

Oakland, CA

- Implementing machine learning and natural language processing to enrich podcast metadata
  - Keyword extraction using graph-based techniques (SGRank) and supervised learning
  - Topic modeling using LDA to extract topic distributions of podcast episodes
  - Semantic similarity and semantic search built off word2vec
- Built recommendations engine to better surface the long-tail of great podcast content
  - Content-based recommendations from tf-idf data
  - Collaborative-filtering using user listening data

## Venture Design Fellow IDEO

June - August 2016

San Francisco, CA

- Rapidly prototyped the viability of several startup ventures centered around Internet Of Things and blockchain technology as part of the IDEO CoLab Summer Fellowship
- Full-stack development for <u>Plenty</u>, a peer-to-peer inventory management system for restaurants;
  built in Python / Flask

# **Software Engineer Google**

July 2013 - February 2015

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  $\sim$ 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 Spectra Logic

December 2011 – May 2013

Boulder, CO

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

#### **CREATIVE**

### Teaching Assistant — Creative Code Immersive

January - March 2016

San Francisco, CA

**Grey Area Foundation For The Arts** 

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