Brandan Roachell

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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, KNOXVILLE (UTK)

August 2019 – December 2022

- B.S. in Computer Science, Honors Concentration
- Minor in Mathematics
- Cumulative GPA: 3.98/4.00
- Relevant coursework: Software Engineering, Software Security, Systems Programming, Operating Systems, Compilers, Probability and Statistics, Numerical Analysis, Data Mining and Analytics

WORK EXPERIENCE

COURSERA Remote

Software Engineer Intern

May 2022 – August 2022

- Migrated a service and its dependencies from Scala to Java, including creating gRPC service definitions and protobufs, writing mappers and unit tests, and contributing records, clients, and API endpoints to shared libraries
- Utilized gRPC UI in Spring Boot and Sumo Logic logs to manually test and debug my project
- Analyzed Datadog metrics and Sumo Logic logs to resolve a recurring latency issue in another application and quickly deployed a fix to the related external API call timeout configuration

GCLAB Knoxville, TN

Undergraduate Research Assistant

January 2021 - Present

- Investigated the reproducibility of the first black hole images by using specialized imaging software to process radio wave datasets; developing a workflow with limited information; and creating documentation for my methods, making the original results significantly more accessible to the public
- Implemented GPU programs to benchmark the efficiency of GPU-CPU data copying and comparison operations at different granularities and plotted the results with Matplotlib
- 1 published poster and 1 published paper

UTK Knoxville, TN

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Fall 2022

 Demonstrates ability to break down complex assignments and fundamental DSA concepts to students in weekly lab sessions and contributes notes and answers to online class discussion board

TICKETS FOR A CAUSE Memphis, TN

Web Developer Intern

July 2018 – August 2018

- Co-developed a website using Bootstrap that would allow event organizers to donate unused event tickets to a participating charity in their area
- Applied my Java, HTML, CSS, and MySQL knowledge to develop front-end/back-end and implement a database for accounts, user-submitted forms, and ticket uploads

SKILLS

Languages: C++, C, Java, Python, Assembly (MIPS, NASM), HTML/CSS/JS

Frameworks: gRPC, Spring Boot, React, Node.js, Next.js, Tailwind CSS, Django, Bootstrap

Development: Git, Unix-like environments, Datadog, Sumo Logic, Jira, Docker

ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS

VEX U ROBOTICS August 2019 – Present

- Serves as vice president and has 3 years of experience as programming lead for UTK's competitive robotics team
- Writes C++ programs that enable custom robots to reliably perform specific tasks autonomously using sensor data, trigonometry, odometry, and PID control algorithms
- Manages team Git repository, instructs new recruits, delegates programming tasks, and assures functionality of all work
- 2021 VEX U Robotics World Championship: Won both Tournament Champion and the Excellence Award, the highest award presented in the VEX Robotics Competition, for superior performance in design innovation, build quality, autonomous programming, oral communication, and documentation
- 2022 VEX U Robotics World Championship: Won the Think Award in our division for reliable autonomous programming, well-documented code, and a clear programming strategy