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#### **EDUCATION**

## Northwestern University, McCormick School of Engineering - B.S./M.S., GPA 3.89/4.00

September 2014 - June 2018 (anticipated)

*Notable courses*: Design, Technology, and Research (DTR), Human-Computer Interaction, Compiler Construction, Operating Systems, Programming Languages, Communication Networks, Statistical Language Modeling, Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence, Theory of Computation, Geospatial Visualization, Social Affect in Game Characters

#### **EXPERIENCE**

## **Braintree Payments,** San Francisco — Software Engineering Intern

June 2017 - September 2017

- → Automated SDK development by building a code generation tool with Go and Docker that consumes a REST API specification and produces fully-functional SDKs in Java, Python, Node.js, and Ruby.
- → Prepared to open-source the SDK generator with extensive documentation, tutorials, and samples.
- → Reduced load on our API gateway by helping build and roll out a caching layer for common repeated requests.

## **HERE Maps**, Chicago — Software Engineering Intern

June 2016 - September 2016

→ Reduced processing time of 2 beta products by 2x and 50x by developing and deploying a service to prevent redundant queries via custom indexing into map datastores, using Scala and Docker.

## **Northwestern University Delta Lab**, Evanston — Undergraduate Researcher

March 2016 - Present

- → Exploring context-aware microreminding techniques for supporting long-term behavior change.
- → Evaluating microreminding principles through iterative deployment of prototype iOS reminder systems, built with Swift and Firebase.
- → Communicating novel findings to broad audiences via preparation of a manuscript currently under submission for ACM CHI 2018 (chi2018.acm.org), available upon request.

## **Northwestern University EECS Department,** Evanston — *Undergraduate Teaching Assistant*

January 2016 - Present

→ Teaching software development principles in C++, Python, and Racket to 400+ students/quarter in tutorial sessions and office hours.

### **LANGUAGES AND TOOLS**

Proficient

TypeScript, Python, Swift (iOS) Unix, Git, Vim, tmux

Familiar

Go, C++, Scala, HTML/CSS, Ruby, Java Firebase, Docker, Rake, Gradle, Gulp

#### **PROJECTS**

Rocky (TypeScript): a networked, heuristic-based AI for playing Parcheesi. Bracket Jumper (TypeScript): a VSCode extension allowing easy bracket-based navigation. 1800+ installs, community interaction via Github. CalendarAndChill? (Meteor): a tool to automatically organize social events. Awarded Best Project for Connecting People, HackIllinois 2016. WhichProf? (Python): an AI matching your voice to similar EECS professors. LC Compiler (C++): a multi-pass, modular compiler targeting a subset of C.

#### **ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS**

- → Student theater: building sets and supporting designers for student-written productions.
- → Ballet, French (conversational, Canadian accent), dairy-based desserts, dogs, Star Wars.