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EDUCATION

Northwestern University, McCormick School of Engineering - B.S./M.S., GPA 3.87/4.00

September 2014 - June 2018 (anticipated)

Notable courses: Design, Technology, and Research (DTR), Digital Forensics, Compiler Construction, Code Analysis and Transformation, Operating Systems, Programming Languages, Communication Networks, Statistical Language Modeling, Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence, Human–Computer Interaction, Algorithms

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 - January 2018

- → 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 submitted to 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

Python, Rust, C++ Unix, Git, Vim, tmux

Familiar

Swift (iOS), Go, HTML/CSS/JavaScript Docker, Firebase, Rake, Cargo, Gulp

PROJECTS

itree (Rust): an interactive version of the `tree` utility. On Homebrew!
Syncterm (Rust): a library for networked, synchronized CLI apps. On crates.io!
Rocky (TypeScript): a networked, heuristic-based AI for playing Parcheesi.
Bracket Jumper (TypeScript): a VSCode extension allowing easy bracket-based navigation. 3300+ installs, community interaction via Github.
Shoutkey 2.0 (Golang): a rebuild of the now-defunct shoutkey.com tool

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.