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#### **EDUCATION**

### The University of Texas at Austin

May 2019

B.S.E.E, Electrical & Computer Engineering – GPA: 3.58 / 4

Coursework: Data Structures, Algorithms, Embedded Systems (completed); Data Science Lab (Spring 2018) Lead of Co-Lab Team, Longhorn Entrepreneurship Agency

#### **LANGUAGES AND TECHNOLOGIES**

- Programming Languages -- Java, C++, C, (Proficient); Python (Experienced)
- Development Tools -- Git, Eclipse, Bash (Experienced)
- Systems Software -- Linux, Kernel Modules, PCIe Drivers, DPDK Drivers and Applications (Experienced)
- Embedded Systems -- ARM Assembly, Particle, Wiring (Experienced)
- Mobile -- Porter, iOS (Novice)
- Web Development -- Pelican (Experienced); BeautifulSoup, HTML (Novice)

#### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### Undergraduate Research Assistant, The University of Texas at Austin

(Part-time) August 2017 - Present

Prof. John Griffin, Department of Finance, McCombs School of Business

#### Software Systems Engineering Intern, Dell EMC

May 2017 – August 2017

Platform Technology and Architecture Team, Server Division, Office of the CTO.

- Evaluated feasibility of DPDK framework (Linux Foundation project open-source API for fast packet processing in user-space) for use in Dell EMC server solution involving multiple Virtual Machines.
- · Ported kernel-based PCIe device driver for custom FPGA device to the DPDK framework: C, Linux.
- Solved multiple problems related to migrating S/W infrastructure for custom FPGA device from kernel to user land.
- **Built working Proof of Concept** of two-way communication between systems utilizing different device drivers (kernel-based and DPDK-based).

#### **Venture Partner, Contrary Capital**

August 2016 - Present

Contrary Capital is a decentralized, university-focused venture capital fund.

- Conducting due diligence (via market research, investment memos, etc.) to evaluate feasibility of various campusborne startups as potential fund investments – corresponded with **23 startups and counting** since August 2016.
- Optimizing deal flow channels and strengthening fund brand on campus by establishing relationships with key players in local startup ecosystem met with **9 startups in last month of Spring 2017**, vs 3 in first month of Fall 2016.

#### Marketing Manager, Sup

May 2016 – August 2016

Sup is a mobile application that finds friends who are nearby and available right now for social activities.

- Grew total app installs from 5k to 10k in 3 months via campaigns on Facebook Ads, Google AdWords app had 5k installs in 1.5 years prior to my involvement.
- Set up automated marketing campaigns to hit short-term target of 15k total app installs by September 2016.
- Reduced average cost-per-app-install from \$1.93 (at 5k installs) to \$0.60 (at 10k installs).

#### **PROJECTS**

Hotspotter

## devpost.com/software/hotspotter

HackTX, Fall 2016

HotSpotter helps geographically pinpoint the physical broadcast source of a WiFi network in the area.

- Wrote firmware-level code for Particle Photon device to detect SSIDs and RSSIs of local WiFi networks: Wiring,
   Particle.
- Built rudimentary mobile app for user to read RSSI of selected network in real-time: Porter, Particle Cloud API.
- Placed Top 10 out of 58 teams + won MLH Best Device Privacy Hack + won 1517 Keep Building Award.

## FoodJump

3 Day Startup, Fall 2015

FoodJump delivers a random food dish at a flat rate on demand, whenever one cannot decide where to eat.

- Built simple Squarespace website as MVP for product within 20 minutes of conception of idea (currently offline).
- Performed alpha-test on campus, made \$50 in sales within 24 hours of conception of idea.