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#### RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

**Research — CSSR** An Algorithm for Blind Construction of Markov Models from Time Series

2015-present

stackoverflow: stites

- In the process of writing an upgrade from v0.1.0 to v0.2.0 in collaboration with authors
- Ported the original C++, untouched from 2003, to Scala with prototypes in Haskell and Python
- Researching of automaton, epsilon machines, and monadic structures for a second publication

### **Publications — Beginning Neo4j, Apress** Technical reviewer

2015

- Provided feedback, verification, and fact-checking on the technical content of Neo4j

## Research — Low and High Pressure Study of Langmuir-Blodgett Films NSF grant: PHY-0851599

Summer 2010

- A comparative study of the ideal gas law applied to Langmuir-Blodgett monolayer Films of DPPC, TOPO, and colloidal gold nanoparticles coated in Dodecanethiol (DDT)

## **EXPERIENCE**

**Sentenai** — Machine Learning Engineer

2016 - present

- Built online bayesian networks (tree-augmented naive bayes) for index prediction of heterogeneous data streams
- Wrote binary compression formats for TAN-bayes nets to run them in our high-performance, real-time systems
- Constructed proofs for various type classes in a Mealy- and Moore- Machine stream transducer library
- Spearheading development of hierarchical policy gradients-based reinforcement learning algorithm for schema prediction of unstructured sensor data. Libraries created are to be open-sourced

# **Bina Technologies, acquired by Roche Sequencing** — Software Engineer

2014 - 2016

- Built the RDF-compliant server layer in Postgres and Spring for Bina's circulating tumor DNA diagnostics tool
- Designed an aspect-oriented, stream based framework with heavy use of reflection and java 8 features
- Worked with Zookeeper primitives in building out features for our in-house, distributed eventing system
- Implemented custom visualizations and sequencing quality reports in d3 and Ramda.js
- Architected and programmed the UI-layer of Bina's flagship product, RAVE, in Angular with Ramda.js + Typescript

# **Keychain Logistics** — Data Engineering Consultant

2014

- Researched and developed a pricing model using Random Forest regression using scikit-learn
- Built an algorithm agnostic framework for regressors to automate optimizing and benchmarking models
- Deployed production Flask-server and built out API for a clean user experience on Digital Ocean

#### **Hack Reactor** — Full Stack Instructor and Mentor

2014

- Guided students through a dedicated, 90hr+ per week curriculum in Angular, Backbone, d3, and Node
- Code-reviewed 110+ repositories to evaluating technical ability and provide feedback to Hack Reactor

#### **TurboSquid** — Data Scientist in Credit Fraud

2012 - 2013

- Lead a two-man team to build a Random Forest credit fraud detection classifier with scikit-learn which alleviates the processing of \$1.2M per year at 98% accuracy and saves explicit overhead of \$40k/year
- Restructured search and categorized assets to improve the user experience of customers on the site
- Wrote unsupervised learning algorithms for market segmentation with k-means clustering and DBSCAN

### **Physics Department, Vassar College** — Academic Intern

2011 - 2012

- Initiated and coordinated dialogue between students and faculty members, adding efficiency to the tutoring structure. Events in 2011 doubled the participation in Physics committee meetings
- Taught a variety of physics topics from introductory- to advanced- level material

#### **Physics Research Experience for Undergraduates, NSF** — Condensed Matter Physics Researcher

Summer 2010

- Conducted independent research on graduate level material, which required fast-pace comprehension
- Presented a final product of research in a campus-wide lecture, attended by researchers from varying fields

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**INVITED TALKS Life After Vassar (LAVA)** — Vassar Mathematics and Statistics Department 2017 Life After Vassar is a series of talks to introduce Math majors to possible opportunities after graduation **Colloquium Series** — Vassar Mathematics and Statistics Department 2017 An ongoing series of research talks. I will be speaking about my work on CSSR **PROJECTS** Raft (In progress) An implementation of the raft consensus algorithm in Haskell 2016-present - a Haskell implementation of the Raft Consensus Algorithm with experimental branch using the Free Monad **KafkaSphere** An Apache Kafka monitor for DemandCube's open source data pipeline. 2014 - Wrote the Sparkjava server with Kafka endpoints for both Producers and multithreaded Consumers - Developed client-side Angular/d3 frontend to display information on the Consumer Groups and Topics Satellite.io The first browser-based, multiplayer, WebGL space warfare game optimized for the Oculus Rift 2013 - Spearheaded, project managed, and developed code for all layers of the stack, guiding team - Wrote a physics-based network syncing system, reducing network calls by 80% while keeping high user experience - Set up an asynchronous Redis API maintaining complex queries using Gang of Four patterns **EDUCATION Vassar College** BA in Mathematics, BA in Physics. 2008 - 2012 Coursework included programming languages: Java, C++, Scheme, Racket, SML, R Relevant math work: applied linear algebra, abstract algebra, applied statistics and statistical theory **Online Courses Completed** Machine Learning Engineer Nanodegree (8-course curriculum) — Udacity, Kaggle 2016 Deep Learning — *Udacity*, *Google* Principles of Reactive Programming — Coursera, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne 2015 Cloud Computing Applications — Coursera, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Cloud Systems and Infrastructure — Coursera, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Big Data and Applications in the Cloud — Coursera, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Mobile Applications for Android Handheld Systems — Coursera, University of Maryland, College Park Programming Languages — Coursera, University of Washington 2014

The Data Scientist's Toolbox — Coursera, Johns Hopkins University

R Programming — Coursera, Johns Hopkins University

Getting and Cleaning Data — Coursera, Johns Hopkins University

Statistical Inference — Coursera, Johns Hopkins University

Machine Learning — Coursera, Stanford University

2013

Introduction to Data Science — Coursera, University of Washington

Semi-professional juggler, Eagle Scout, Venture for America fellow, improv comedy performer, Mini-Maker Faire organizer