Sol Vitkin

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Software engineer with experience developing applications that harness data science technologies. Excited to tackle all stages of a project. Strong engineering principles can be applied to new development environments and challenges.

Freelance Software Engineer

Adam Poots Games LLC Remote 03/19 - Present

Data Scientist

Science & Technology Policy Institute Washington DC 10/16 - 09/18

Research Assistant

University of Rochester Rochester NY 05/13 - 12/15

Leaflet Timeline Slider

NBA Trade Network

Curry World

Education

University of Rochester MS Data Science 2016 BA Economics 2015

Languages

English Russian

EXPERIENCE

Currently developing game testing application for in-development board game. Refactored existing PHP back-end codebase. Optimized data pipleines between MySQL database and application. Designed and built new front-end to minimize cognitive load on game testers, and maximize information captured at each stage of game.

Developed and deployed data science application to production, analyzing the U.S. federal government's portfolio of earth observations. Application is beginning to be used in multiple federal agencies. Built in-house R library and interactive tools for non-technical users to automate report generation, create data visualizations, and run interpretable regression analyses. Mentored junior level employees in best practices for coding and technical project management.

Developed Naive Bayes Classifier in project related to homophily and urban sorting. Reduced noise in data with Python. Identified and mapped distribution of racial groups on venue scale in 8 large cities.

PROJECTS

Plugin for popular javascript mapping application Leaflet. Users can customize appearance of timeline and change map based on their own function. Effectively balances giving user control and guiding their design decisions. Code available at https://github.com/svitkin/leaflet-timeline-slider.

Application allows users to investigate and discover the relationships between NBA players that arise from trades. Clean and decoupled workflow between data scraping and reactive front-end. Hosted at https://svitkin.shinyapps.io/bball-trade-network/.

Currently in development. Django based website with Postgres back-end and REST API. Integrates diverse data types into single, guided user interface. Code available at https://github.com/svitkin/curryworld.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS -----

R	Python	••••
PostgreSQL, MySQL	Django	$\bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet$
HTML, CSS	Javascript	$\bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet$
PHP	Neo4j	