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# Alex Chojnacki

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## Education

# University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Fall 2013 - May 2017 (Expected)

- » LS&A, Computer Science, B.S. (3.0)
- » Machine Learning, Information Theory, Cognitive Science

# Research & Teaching Experience

Instructional Aide, EECS 398, Essentials for Computer Scientists Instructional Aide, EECS 398, Computing for Computer Scientists

Confirmed Fall 2016

- Winter 2016
- » Worked with a team of five other IAs to craft an original course syllabus, including lesson plans and homework, for a class of over 300 students.
- » Authored and taught a lecture on virtual private servers for personal and enterprise level use cases.

# Research Assistant, advised by Prof. Eric Schwartz

Fall 201

- » Designed a website with user tracking logic implemented in Javascript using the Firebase API.
- » Used website to collect data from users to measure the efficacy of in-stream (or 'native') advertising against traditional banner ads.

Grader & Tutor, EECS 183, Introduction to Programming Concepts

Fall 2014 - Winter 2015

» Assisted individual students with any work relating to the class, including homework, projects and reviews of past exam, as well as code style reviews.

# Work Experience

### Software Engineering Intern, Nordstrom (Seattle, WA)

June - Aug. 2016

 $\gg$  Prototyped an in-house fraud detection system trained on credit card chargeback data with the Payments and POS teams, achieving a modest 0.70 AUC on imperfect data.

### Web Developer, Computer Aided Engineering Network

May - Aug. 2015

» Independently designed and implemented a RESTful JSON API for UM Data Warehouse.

## **Publications**

Data Science in Service of Performing Arts: Applying Machine Learning to Predicting Audience Preferences J. Abernethy, E. Schwartz, et al, *Bloomberg Data For Good Exchange*, 2016

Technical Experience	Skilled	Proficient	Familiar
Programming Languages	HTML/CSS/JS, Python	Java, C++	C, SQL
Machine Learning	scikit-learn, pandas	numpy	matplotlib
Miscellaneous	git	Vagrant, AWS, vim, bash	Docker

# Campus Involvement

Communications Chair, Michigan Data Science Team

Fall 2015 - Present

Organizer, Michigan Machine Learning Reading Group

Summer 2015 - Fall 2016

Officer, Michigan Student Artificial Intelligence Lab

Fall 2015 - Fall 2016

(Modified: August 2016)