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Seeking Full-Time Opportunities in Machine Learning and Data Science

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

Confirmed Fall 2016

Instructional Aide, EECS 398, Computing for Computer Scientists

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 2015

- » 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

- » Prototyped an in-house fraud detection system trained on credit card chargeback data with the Payments and POS teams. Collected data, analyzed it, and built the model, achieving an AUROC of 0.70.

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

Programming Languages
Machine Learning
Miscellaneous

Skilled
HTML/CSS/JS, Python
numpy, Jupyter Notebooks
git, vim

Proficient
Java, C++, SQL
scikit-learn, pandas
AWS, bash

Capable
C, C#
matplotlib
Docker, Vagrant

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)