Alex Patin



Languages —

C/C++/C#/Obj-C, Python, Java, HTML, CSS, JS

Technologies —

AWS, Azure, Git, Flask, DynamoDB, Tensorflow, OpenCV, Apache Spark, Embedded Systems (MSP430, Arduino, Raspberry Pi, RTD), Android/iOS, Scikit-learn

R&D Skills -

FFT, DWT, Machine Learning, Collaborative Filtering, Kalman Filtering, PID Control, Circuit Design, Image Processing

Soft-Skills —

Agile/Scrum (Axosoft/JIRA), Slack, Grant-writing, Lean Startups, Business Development, Customer Development

Relevant Courses -

Data Structures & Algorithms Systems Programming Discrete Math Programming Language Concepts Computer Org & Design OOP (Java)

Unrelated Interests -

Music (*Clarinet, Guitar, Production*), Club Tennis, Hackathons, Barista-ing, Dorm-Room Horticulture, Creating Useless Software

Education —

Penn State, Class of 2018: B.S. Computer Science

Major GPA: (3.84/4.00)

– Work Experience –

Musical Minds LLC: CEO, CTO

Nov 2015 - Now

- Directed a 21-person team in the creation of brainwave-sensing headphones and a wellness-based music recommendation engine
- Developed a REST API stack using AWS, Flask, DynamoDB, and Apache Spark for collaborative filtering-based recommendations
- Designed EEG biopotential amplifiers and signal processing/supervised learning models on a CC430 MCU for mental state classification
- Wireframed mobile applications and headphone designs for developers

Microsoft: Student Partner

August 2015 - Now

- Delivered 13 tech workshops on MS developer tools for college students
- Trained with tools including Azure, MS Cognitive Services, and IoT devices
- Volunteered at high schools and middle schools through "Hour of Code"

Progeny Systems: Software Engineering Intern

May - August 2015

- Created web-scrapers in Python to collect Facebook images for CNN training
- Deployed scrapers on EC-2 instances to acquire a 3,000,000+ image dataset
- Designed GUI in Java to show facial feature similarities, visualized using t-SNE

Projects

Lunar Lion: Guidance, Nav, and Controls Lead Engineer

Jan - May 2016

- Directed 25 students under 5 subsystems including flight software, ground controls, modelling and controls, systems testing, and visual guidance
- Interfaced the spacecraft's health monitoring, navigational, and communication sensors with C/C++ software using Arduinos and RTD controllers running Linux
- Coordinated integration with the power, structures, and propulsion systems to prepare the craft for its first free-flight test

Lunar Lion: Visual Guidance Lead Engineer

April - Dec 2015

- Pioneered a monocular, topographical reconstruction system with OpenCV
- Implemented a 3D spline interpolation algorithm that leverages the parallax motion of lunar surface features
- Applied 3D reconstruction algorithm to risk analysis classification system for landing sequence adjustments

Intelli-DJ: Team Leader and Developer

Nov 2015

- Leveraged neural networks to identify emotions using the Microsoft Band 2
- Integrated Android app with MS Band and Spotify API to identify a user's taste in music based on changes in their physical state

Lysdexia: Team Leader and Developer

Nov 2015

- Spearheaded research on treatment methods for dyslexia in young children
- Designed 4 Xbox Kinect games in C# for improving specific literacy skills

- Awards and Achievements-

| Launchbox Fall 2016 Cohort Graduate | Dec 2016 |
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| Distinguished Speaker, President's Tailgate | Nov 2016 |
| Inc. U Video Pitch Competition Winner (\$2500) | Oct 2016 |
| PennTap Learning Factory Grant Recipient (\$3500) | Aug 2016 |
| Slavin Foundation Fellow | July 2016 |
| Erickson Grant and Whitman Endowment Recipient (\$5000) | April 2016 |
| 1st Place at HackPSU | Nov 2015 |
| Penn State Engaged Scholarship Award | Nov 2015 |
| Leonard Center Speech Contest for Engineers Semifinalist | April 2015 |