# Varsha Alangar

JavaScript Developer with 3 years of experience designing and developing efficient web applications.

Specialized in Data Visualization, D3.js, Vue.js, Agile Development

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#### **EXPERIENCE**

# **Data Visualization Senior Developer**

JUNE 2016 - PRESENT

The SPHERE Institute (Acumen, LLC), Burlingame, CA

- Founding member of the Data Analysis and Visualization Group at Acumen, LLC; assisted in establishing code standards, CSS guides and documentation conventions across the team.
- Primary developer on 3 successfully delivered, client-specific, standalone applications; involved in design prototyping, implementing responsive pages, and cross-browser testing.
- Created over 6 interconnected, data-driven web pages for a large-scale, exploration platform to investigate and find leads on profiles of interest across the nation; designed and established features for the tool.
- Supervised new members through team standards in code refactoring stages; oversaw and managed JIRA sprint tasks.
- Drive brainstorming sessions, client meetings and represented team at company-wide talks.

## **Software Engineering Intern**

MAY 2015 - AUG 2015

Amirsys, Inc (Elsevier Clinical Solutions), Salt Lake City, UT

 Programmed a search engine (using SOLR) to look for existing book illustrations stored in a PostgreSQL database.

# **Graduate Teaching Assistant**

AUG 2014 - MAY 2016

The University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT

• Conducted lab sessions, held office hours and evaluated over 60 students in the Foundations for CS course.

#### **SKILLS**

JavaScript, HTML

CSS, Flexbox

Vue.js, MVC framework

D3.js, SVG

JSON, TopoJSON

Webpack

Node.js, JQuery

Python, OpenGL

PostgreSQL

Git version control

JIRA project tracker

Microsoft Visio, Moqups

Tableau, Adobe Photoshop

VS Code, Sublime IDE

Confluence documentation

Agile development

Project presentation

#### **EDUCATION**

#### MS in Computing (Graphics and Visualization)

The University of Utah - School of Computing, Salt Lake City, UT, USA

**B.E.** in Computer Science and Engineering

Anna University, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India

CGPA: 8.88 / 10.0, Rank: 15 / 8069

CGPA: 3.8 / 4.0

MAY 2017

APRIL 2014

#### **PROJECTS**

## **Force-directed Graph Application**

DECEMBER 2017

• Developed a standalone, dual-page application to visualize over 100,000 connections. Included graph zooming, panning, node collapse and network expansion features to improve navigation through dense networks.

Map Based Tools JUNE 2017

- Developed heat maps and cartograms using D3.js to analyze geographic distribution of information.
- Worked extensively on TopoJSON and geospatial data to display relationships of nodes on the map.
- Improved the performance and load speed of tools by 60% using command-line cartography technique.

#### **Interactive Computer Graphics**

MAY 2017

- Produced 3D graphics with complex OpenGL and GLSL shader algorithms like transformations and texture maps.
- Implemented and presented a comparative study of 4 Non-Photorealistic Rendering Approaches.

## **High Accuracy Question Answering System**

DEC 2015

• Secured 3rd position for the highest accuracy QA system among 40 others; generating responses to queries from articles using NLTK Toolkit and Rule-based techniques for Natural Language Processing in *Python*.