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Languages

Proficient: Java, Python, C

Working Competency:

HTML/CSS, JS, PHP, R

Familiar With: SQL, C#, MATLAB

Software

3D Design: Fusion360, SolidWorks, AutoCAD

Data Analysis: ImageJ, Fathom

Games / Robotics: Blender, Unity, Arduino

Coursework

Duke University

- Data Structures and Algorithms (Java)
- Computer Architecture (C)
- Intro to Data Science (R)
- Technology Commercialization

Planned (2020 Fall):

- Intro to Database Systems (SQL)
- Discrete Math for CS (Scheme)

The Nueva School

- Advanced Machine Learning (Python)
- Computer Security (Python)
- Computer Internals
- Virtual Reality (C#)

Projects / Skills

Video Game Development:

Mario-style Rolling Ball game (Unity), VR basketball shooting hoops game (Unity: C#), Pong Brickbreaker game (processing)

Team USA Figure Skater:

Placed 10th globally at the Junior Grand Prix, and 3-time National competitor

Academic Awards

Duke Dean's List, US Figure Skating Scholastic Honors Team, Thermo Fisher Scientific Merit Scholarship

Education

2019 – 2023

Duke University, GPA: 3.96/4.0

Durham, NC

B.S. Computer Science, Psychology (Minor), Innovation and Entrepreneurship Certificate

2014 – 2019

The Nueva School, UW GPA: 3.93/4.0

San Mateo, CA

High School Diploma, Gap year 2016-17 to figure skate with Team USA.

Work Experience

Technical Internships

May – Aug
2020

RetinalCare, Machine Learning Consultant

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

- Created machine learning models with Python to classify patients at high risk for treatable eye diseases (AMD, DR) that lead to blindness
- Developed models with 29% higher accuracy than baseline sorting of diabetes duration to identify people at high risk for DR
- Developed models with 6% higher accuracy than baseline age-sorting of patients using minimal checkup data, allowing for ~1200 more high-risk people to be called in for treatment of AMD

May – Aug
2020

Sunforge LLC, Web Development Intern

Somerville, MA

- Redesigned website to boost SEO, implement new features and make website mobile-friendly using HTML/CSS, JS
- Implemented captcha in PHP to stop 1000+ annual spam registrations
- Created PHP templates to automate process of creating new blog posts entirely through wordpress dashboard with custom theme, saving the company 100+ hours by bypassing the need for a developer to upload posts

Jun – Aug 2017

GetInsured, Automation Engineering Intern

Mountain View, CA

- Saved the company 1,000+ hours of manual testing by automating an entire software portal's UI
- Led script creation to ensure the quality and stability of a newly developed portal using Sahi, a JavaScript-based automation testing tool
- Ensured user-inputted data persisted to the backend using SQL

Other Internships

May 2020 –
Present

Vector Rideshare, UX Designer and Campus Ambassador

Durham, NC

- Market / pitch to assist the growth of this student-run startup across campuses and improve / implement the ridesharing app

Feb 2018 –
Aug 2019

Stanford University, Research Intern

Stanford, CA

- Co-authored [paper](#) and [video](#) in JoVe, leading video journal
- Spearheaded the creation and testing of 50+ microfluidic devices to analyze metastatic cancer cell nuclei deformation
- Independently created simulations of molecular movement with Blender, MATLAB

Jul – Aug 2019

CPrime, Product Marketing and Management Intern

San Mateo, CA

- Led campaigns to identify email marketing strategies and streamlined process for analyzing large annual datasets spanning 2019 by reorganizing the campaign setup structure, removing the need for manual data collection
- Initiated a more efficient marketing analysis method by creating a customizable excel template for future analysis

Teaching Experience

Jan 2020 –
Present

Duke University, Data Structures and Algorithms TA

Durham, NC

- Co-lead weekly discussion section of 20 students and hold office hours to help students work through projects/assignments

Aug 2019 –
Present

Duke University, CoLab Studio TA

Durham, NC

- Assist 30+ students, faculty, and staff weekly with 3D printing, laser cutting and other fabrication tools in the creative maker space

Leadership

Sept 2019 –
Present

Duke Sheroes, Co-President

Durham, NC

- Coordinated with industry professionals and Sheroes executive board to plan and organize events for women in STEM

Sept 2019 –
Present

Duke Impact Investing Group, Investment Analyst

Durham, NC

- Work on a team of 3 analysts to identify promising environmentally-focused startups, to provide seed funding from our Duke Endowment of \$100,000