

# Vanessa Tostado

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## Education

### Wesleyan University

BA IN COMPUTER SCIENCE  
GPA: 3.7

Middletown, CT

September 2015 – May 2019

## Experience

### Palo Alto Networks

SOFTWARE ENGINEER

Santa Clara, CA

November 2020 – Present

- Implemented Python libraries for deployment and configuration of firewall devices reducing the runtime from 3+ hours to 1 hour.
- Designed and built object-oriented libraries to handle hardware recovery, improving reliability by 75%.
- Automated health monitoring and management of resources in Jenkins reducing need for manual intervention from the team
- Documented workflows, applications and product knowledge to effectively train new engineers.

### Palo Alto Networks

SOFTWARE DEVELOPER IN TEST - TOOLS AND AUTOMATION

Santa Clara, CA

September 2019 – November 2020

- Developed and maintained code modules for internal framework which increased automation effort for verification of PanOS software.
- Led a series of workshops for QA developers to learn about Python and automation.
- Organized and facilitated workshops and volunteering opportunities for internal employees as a board member of JUNTOS!, the Latinx employee resource group.

### Civic Digital Fellow via Coding it Forward

SOFTWARE DEVELOPER FOR VOTE.GOV

Washington, DC

May 2019 – August 2019

- Developed and designed a calendar component for federal election deadlines using Figma and JavaScript.
- Debugged and fixed build errors by upgrading software dependencies.
- Fixed translation errors for Spanish content on Vote.gov.

### Visa

SOFTWARE ENGINEER INTERN

Palo Alto, CA

June 2018 – August 2018

- Developed a single-page Progressive Web Applications using Angular framework for an internal client business tool.
- Integrated service worker threads to support dynamic loading for offline experiences via content caching.

## Skills

**Programming Languages:** Python, Java, C#, Bash, HTML, CSS

**Tools and Frameworks:** SQL, Git, Docker, Pytest, Jenkins, Ansible

## Projects

### Evo

AN ACTION ADVENTURE GAME THAT TEACHES THE BASICS OF EVOLUTION. EVO USES OPEN-WORLD LEVEL DESIGN AND PROGRESSION MECHANICS.

Unity, C#

<https://learnwithevo.org/>

## Activities

Sep 2022 - **Software Engineering Coach**, Coach college undergrad and graduate students through data structures, algorithms and their application to algorithmic problems.  
Nov 2022

CodePath