

# Alexander McWilliams

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## EDUCATION

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### Bentley University, Waltham, MA

- Major: Data Analytics
- Key Coursework: Regression Analysis, Data Science, Data Mining, Generalized Linear Models & Survival Analysis, Design of Experiments, Intermediate Applied Statistics, Database Management Systems
- Honors: Bentley University Honors Program (10% of Student Body), President's List (3.7+ GPA), Dean's List (3.5+ GPA)

### Software & Programming Languages

- Python (NumPy, Pandas, Plotly, CV2), SQL, R (ggplot, tidyverse), HTML/CSS, Dash, Hugo, Netlify, Excel

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

Feb 2020 – Present

#### *MIMIC-IV Research Assistant*

- Utilized Google BigQuery to analyze MIMIC-IV, a relational database containing comprehensive information for real hospital stays of patients admitted to a tertiary academic medical center in Boston, MA, USA.

### Bentley University, Waltham, MA

Sept 2020 - Present

#### *Natural Language Processing (NLP) Researcher*

- Developed a comprehensive research project focused on text analysis & Natural Language Processing
- Analyzed reddit.com comment data with R-Studio packages textmatch and quanteda to gauge sentiment based on presumed user gender. Attempting to predict upvote/downvote ratio using summary statistics.

## INDEPENDENT RESEARCH & PROJECTS

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### Front-End Developer/Author @ <https://xndrmcw.netlify.app/>

- Designed a clean and engaging portfolio website using Hugo, a markdown-based website framework.
- Deployed website updates with the help of GitHub, Netlify, and Atom.
- Authored technical yet accessible posts about the intricacies of my ongoing programming projects, as detailed below.

### TensorFlow Fashion-MNIST Analysis & Explanation

- Constructed a basic multi-layered neural net to analyze the famous Fashion-MNIST dataset, attaining, with ten epochs of training, model accuracy of 90.37% and validation data accuracy of 88%.
- Annotated, step-by-step, the Python code used to construct neural net.

### Data Visualization Collection

- Constructed a Fitbit-Heartrate based visualization with numpy and plotly, a data viz. focused Python Package. Employed Neil Ricci's Pulse-Watch web-tool to export heartrate data as a malleable csv file.
- Designed a thematic visualization based on Curb Your Enthusiasm's IMDB ratings using RStudio's tidyverse and grid packages. Employed a Python webscraper & NumPy to obtain + transform CSV files.

## LEADERSHIP/EXTRACURRICULAR EXPERIENCE

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### Resident Assistant - Bentley University

(2019-2020)

- Connected with ~30 residents on an interpersonal level, facilitating a healthy and engaging floor environment while upholding university practices and safety standards.

### Tour Guide - Bentley University

(2018-2019)

- Showcased Bentley University while practicing oral and presentation skills in front of groups of 20-30 perspective students and parents.