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Education

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

B.S. & M.S. in Computer Science – GPA 3.83

Troy, NY May 2017

Experience

Google – Developer Programs Engineer on Firebase

July '17 – Present

Part community manager and part developer advocate for Firebase, focusing on Authentication, Hosting, and Web. Work to improve produce excellence by gathering feedback at conferences, online forums, and writing sample apps. Improve the quality of Developer Support by documenting product knowledge, developing support processes, and triaging and troubleshooting incoming questions from developers.

Microsoft – Software Engineering Intern

May '16 - Aug '16

Developed a search provider for Window's Cortana search team to enable users to easily search and act upon notifications, missed calls, and low battery alerts received from their phones through Cortana's cross-device platform. Created developer features to allow easy creation of new experimental providers for prototyping and development.

The Inventor's Guild - Inventor and Software Developer

Feb '15 – Prese

Working as part of a student-run think-tank and consulting firm whose members collaborate to brainstorm and develop ideas for businesses and inventions, consult for and perform contracting work for early-stage start-ups, and promote entrepreneurship in the local community. Contracted with several local startups to build prototypes and proof of concepts.

Rensselaer Center for Open Source - Lead Mentor, Software Developer

Aug '14 – Present

Leader of a student run organization that aims to promote Open Source, creativity, and entrepreneurship and organizes ~100 students every semester to work on open source projects. My responsibilities include organizing meeting and talks, coordinating with the students and mentors, and mentoring student developers to help them learn and contribute.

Microsoft – Developer and Product Manager Intern

May '15 – Aug '15

Designed and developed an Azure-based system for the Office 365 Foundations Engineering's Customer Insights team to process and evaluate customer usage and tenant data. Created visualizations in order to enable the team to generate insights and analyze how customers were using the product, with the goal of increasing usability and customer satisfaction.

Verizon Cloud Computing – Hypervisor Team Intern

May '14 – Aug '14

Worked on the Hypervisor team of their cloud hosting platform. Developed system for automatic export of logs and memory dumps from crashed servers to enable effective debugging. Helped create long-term secure key-management system.

Projects

Venue (Rensselaer Center for Open Source)

Jan '16 – May '17

Built a website and API to allow students to remotely verify their attendance at events outside the classroom without the Instructor's presence required by using their phone's camera and GPS for the Art_X program at RPI. Team of 3 developers.

Are You Really My Friend (Rensselaer Institute for Data Exploration and Applications)

Jan '17 - May '17

Assisted the photographer Tanja Hollander in creating an interactive online gallery to allow people to explore the images behind her exhibit at MASS MoCA, documenting the ways in which friendship is defined in our physical and virtual worlds.

Observatory (Rensselaer Center for Open Source)

Jan '15 – May '17

Built a platform for expanding the Rensselaer's Open Source community, documenting contributions, and taking attendance.

Skills

Programming Languages: C++, JavaScript, Python, Bash, HTML, CSS. Experience with: C, C++, Kotlin, Java, Go

Software and Frameworks: Node.js, Angular, MongoDB, Git, Mac OS, Linux, Windows.