Julia Chavando

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SKILLS & TECHNICAL TOOLS

Languages: Python, C++, Java, PyQt

Technologies: USD, Maya, Houdini, Git, Linux, Jira, Shotgun/Shotgrid

EXPERIENCE

Walt Disney Animation Studios

Burbank, CA

2021-Present

Assistant Technical Director

- Develop and maintain technical tools for feature films (Python and C++)
- Support artists and fix bugs in all areas of the production pipeline, ranging from modeling to animation to lighting
- Facilitate communication between artists and software engineers for needed technology updates
- Created pipeline training course and lead new hires through it
- Notable Projects: lookdev extract USD conversion, procedural culling bounding box, USD variant viewer

Stanford Computer Science Department

Stanford, CA

Section Leader (CS106A and B)

2018-2020

- Mentored first and second level computer science students (in Java, Python, and C++)
- Led weekly labs and office hours and provided interactive feedback on homework and exams
- Virtually taught introductory Python to high school students in Prague and Istanbul

The Walt Disney Company

Glendale, CA

Software Engineering Intern

2018, 2019

- Contributed to a studio-wide platform template that performs authentication, authorization, and routing for web applications
- Conducted text mining on SMS conversations between Parks and Resorts customers and staff with a focus on improving the Disney guest experience

Institut Supérieur d'électronique de Paris

Paris, France

Machine Learning Research Assistant

2018

- Contributed to a published paper in which we designed and developed machine learning models that detected thousands of terrorist supporters on Twitter that achieved an accuracy of 92%
- Leveraged the Google Translate API to handle tweets in multiple languages

Facebook Menlo Park, CA

Software Engineering University Intern

2017

• Developed a POC Android app that integrates multiple music platforms with features including playlists, adding comments to songs, and group queue

EDUCATION

Stanford University

Stanford, CA

B.S. in Symbolic Systems with a Concentration in Computer Graphics

2016-2020

- Coursework: Animation and Simulation, Image Synthesis Techniques, Interactive Computer Graphics, Programming Methodology and Abstractions, Computer Organization and Systems, Vector Calculus, Sculpture
- **Notable Projects**: Physically Based Rendered Image (C++/Blender), 2D SVG Key Frame Interpolator (C++), APIC Fluid Simulation (C++), Particle-Based Collision Processor (Java), Ray-Traced Image (OpenGL/Maya), Detection of Suspicious Twitter Accounts (Python), Simulation Special Effects (Houdini), Real-Time Shader (GLSL)