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INTERESTS computer vision, image processing, artificial intelligence, pattern recognition & machine learning, data science, functional programming, web development, Clojure

Education

AUG. 2013 **Ph.D.** COMPUTER SCIENCE & ENGINEERING **University of South Carolina**
MAY 2009 **M.E.** COMPUTER SCIENCE & ENGINEERING **University of South Carolina**

Experience

- 2016—PRESENT **Software Engineer** at [DRW HOLDINGS, LLC](#)
Member of the Trading Infrastructure team, developing the internal platform used across trading desks at DRW. Building greenfield high-performance service-oriented systems using **Clojure** and **Java** and maintaining legacy applications in **Ruby** and **C#**.
- 2013—2016 **Senior Software Engineer** at [GROUPON, INC.](#)
Tech Lead of the Supply Intelligence team building internal tools and analytics pipelines to optimize Groupon's supply funnel using **Clojure** to develop service-oriented and big data systems.
— Built a **PostgreSQL**-backed high-performance caching and write management system around **Salesforce** that hits 10K req/min
— Managed a critical business automation of the sales lead assignment process that previously required an estimated 80 managers to conduct manually; led the effort to rearchitect this legacy system from an ad-hoc job scheduling platform written in **Ruby** and **Bash** to a multi-staged **Hadoop** pipeline written in **Clojure**
— Oversaw technical decisions, engaged in mentorship, established best practices, coordinated with stakeholders, and led multiple major technical initiatives on a team of 5 developers
— Built out an ETL management and machine learning platform using **Python**, **Clojure**, **Hive**, and **Spark**
- 2012—2014 **Technical Lead** at [TERRASTRIDE, INC.](#)
Software developer in an agile startup environment creating the huntstand.com web application. Written using **Python**, **Django**, and **Backbone.js**; deployed to **AWS**. Responsible for curating full technology stack and coordinating with 5 developers.
- 2011—2013 **Research Assistant** at USC [COMPUTER VISION LAB](#)
Dissertation research on computer vision models and algorithms for materials science image segmentation in **Python**, **NumPy**, **SciPy**, **OpenCV**, and **MATLAB**. Created a web interface using **Django**, **JavaScript**, and **jQuery**. Conducted large-scale analysis using a 98-core high-performance computing system.
- 2010—2011 **Research Assistant** for the DARPA [MIND'S EYE PROGRAM](#)
Researched video event recognition for the DARPA Mind's Eye program. Collaborated with 10 students and faculty members across three institutions. Developed algorithms in **Scheme**, **Bash**, **MATLAB**, and **C** to process a corpus of 3480 videos extracted into over 1.5 million frames. Distributed processing over 7 HPC machines. 0xab.com/research/video-in-sentences-out.html, github.com/malloc47/video-in-sentences-out
- 2009—2010 **NEH Fellow** at the USC [CENTER FOR DIGITAL HUMANITIES](#) (SAPHEOS/PARAGON PROJECT)
Developed the prototype for a *digital collation* application to identify sub-textual inconsistencies among multiple copies of *The Faerie Queene* by EDMUND SPENSER. Created in **MATLAB** using **VLFeat** and **OpenCV** to process tens of thousands of book page images. github.com/malloc47/digital-collation

Skills & Languages

- Bash
 - Clojure
 - Java
 - JavaScript
 - \LaTeX
 - Python
 - MATLAB
 - Django
 - git
 - NumPy/SciPy
 - OpenCV
 - GNU/Linux
 - Hadoop ecosystem
 - PostgreSQL
 - Spark
- Small-scale projects and/or assignments •• Multiple projects and/or experience teaching ••• Large-scale and/or production systems

Personal and Open Source Projects

MATSCISEG	Framework for propagated 3D volume segmentation, used in my dissertation work. Algorithms created in Python and C++ and exposed as a web API using Django . Includes a web application that consumes the API created in JavaScript , and jQuery . github.com/malloc47/matsciseg
NONPARTISAN.ME	Google Chrome extension that filters social media websites for political keywords. Available in the Chrome Web Store . Featured in the Charleston City Paper . github.com/malloc47/nonpartisan.me
BEFUNGE.PY	Complete Befunge interpreter written in Python . Implements the Befunge 93 specification, and is one of the closest Python equivalents to the C reference implementation. github.com/malloc47/befunge.py
TERM-DO	An interactive terminal prompt that displays potential command completions as you type. A hybrid of gnome-do and Emacs's ido-mode . Works on many tested VT100 terminal types; built in C++. Includes client/server architecture implemented with boost.interprocess and full-featured plugin system. github.com/malloc47/term-do

Selected Publications

- [1] Derrick. C. Spell, Ling-Yong Wang, Richard T. Shomer, Bahador Nooraei, **Jarrell Waggoner**, Xaio-Han T. Zeng, Jae Y. Chung, Kai-Chen Cheng, and Daniel Kirsche. Qed: Groupon's etl management and curated feature catalog system for machine learning. In *IEEE International Conference on Big Data*, pages 1639–1646, Dec 2016. [[Link](#)].
- [2] **Jarrell Waggoner**, Youjie Zhou, Jeff Simmons, Marc De Graef, and Song Wang. Topology-preserving multi-label image segmentation. In *IEEE Workshop on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV)*, pages 1084–1091, Waikoloa Beach, HI, 2015. [[PDF](#)].
- [3] **Jarrell Waggoner**, Youjie Zhou, Jeff Simmons, Marc De Graef, and Song Wang. Graph-cut based interactive segmentation of 3D materials-science images. *Machine Vision and Applications*, 25:1615–1629, 2014. [[PDF](#)].
- [4] **Jarrell Waggoner**. *Multi-Label Segmentation Propagation for Materials Science Images Incorporating Topology and Interactivity*. Dissertation, University of South Carolina, 2013. [[PDF](#)].
- [5] **Jarrell Waggoner**, Jeff Simmons, Marc De Graef, and Song Wang. 3D materials image segmentation by 2D propagation: A graph-cut approach considering homomorphism. *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing*, 22, 2013. [[PDF](#)].
- [6] **Jarrell Waggoner**, Youjie Zhou, Jeff Simmons, Ayman Salem, Marc De Graef, and Song Wang. Interactive grain image segmentation using graph cut algorithms. In *Proceedings of SPIE (Computational Imaging XI)*, Burlingame, CA, 2013. [[PDF](#)].
- [7] Andrei Barbu, Alexander Bridge, Zachary Burchill, Dan Coroian, Sven Dickinson, Sanja Fidler, Aaron Michaux, Sam Mussman, Siddharth Narayanaswamy, Dhaval Salvi, Lara Schmidt, Jiangnan Shangguan, Jeffrey Mark Siskind, **Jarrell Waggoner**, Song Wang, Jinlian Wei, Yifan Yin, and Zhiqi Zhang. Video in sentences out. In *Conference on Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence*, pages 102–112, 2012. [[PDF](#)].
- [8] **Jarrell Waggoner**, Jeff Simmons, and Song Wang. Combining global labeling and local relabeling for metallic image segmentation. In *Proceedings of SPIE (Computational Imaging X)*, volume 8296, Burlingame, CA, 2012. [[PDF](#)].
- [9] Zhiqi Zhang, Sanja Fidler, **Jarrell Waggoner**, Yu Cao, Sven Dickinson, Jeffrey Mark Siskind, and Song Wang. Superedge grouping for object localization by combining appearance and shape information. In *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, pages 3266–3273, Providence, RI, 2012. [[PDF](#)].
- [10] Andrew Temlyakov, Brent C. Munsell, **Jarrell Waggoner**, and Song Wang. Two perceptually motivated strategies for shape classification. In *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, pages 2289–2296, 2010. [[PDF](#)].
- [11] Zhiqi Zhang, Yu Cao, Dhaval Salvi, Kenton Oliver, **Jarrell Waggoner**, and Song Wang. Free-shape subwindow search for object localization. In *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, pages 1086–1093, San Francisco, CA, 2010. [[PDF](#)].

Recent Talks

- [1] [Rules Engines: Logic As Data Structure](#). *Palmetto Open Source Software Conference*. Columbia, SC. April 14, 2015.
- [2] [Python for Computer Vision](#). *All Things Open*. Raleigh, SC. October 24, 2013.
- [3] [Extending Django](#). *Palmetto Open Source Software Conference*. Columbia, SC. March 28, 2013.
- [4] [Computer Science: Research, Industry, and Entrepreneurship](#). *Careers in Science Lecture Series*. Lancaster, SC. March 6, 2013.
- [5] [Interactive Grain Image Segmentation Using Graph Cut Algorithms](#). *SPIE (Computational Imaging XI)*. Burlingame, CA. February 6, 2013.

Activities

teaching, programming, open source software, system administration, data visualization, Linux, [music composition](#)