

# Dave Dirnfeld

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## Education

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### University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Ph.D./MS in Computer Science

Amherst, MA

2021 - Current

### Columbia University, The School of General Studies

Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science, **GPA: 3.885/4.0**

New York, NY

Sep 2017 - May 2020

- Concentration: Intelligence Systems
- Honors: Magna Cum Laude, The School of General Studies on Honor Society, 5x Dean's List

### Rockland Community College

Associate in Science Computer Information Systems, **GPA: 3.97/4.0**

Suffren, NY

Sep 2014 - Dec 2016

- Honors: Phi Theta Kappa, Phi Sigma Omicron, 4x Dean's List

## Research

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### Few-shot Learning from Compressed Videos

Columbia University Computer Science Department, Dr. Shih-Fu Chang

New York, NY

Feb. 2021 - Apr. 2021

### Self-Supervised Motion Learning from Compressed Videos

Columbia University Computer Science Department, Dr. Shih-Fu Chang

New York, NY

Sep. 2020 - Apr 2021

### Tagging and Browsing Videos According to the Preferences of Differing Affinity Group

Columbia University Computer Science Department, Dr. John R. Kender

New York, NY

Jan. 2020 - May 2020

## Teaching Experience

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### Teaching Assistant for Operating Systems

Computer Science Department, Dr. Tim Richards/Dr. Mark Corner

Amherst, MA

2021 - Current

### Course Assistant for Fundamentals of Computer Systems

Computer Science Department, Dr. Dan Rubenstein

New York, NY

Jan 2021 - Apr 2001

### Course Assistant for Applied Deep Learning

Computer Science Department, Prof. Josh Gordon

New York, NY

Jan 2020 - Dec 2020

### Course Assistant for Operating Systems I

Computer Science Department, Dr. Jae Woo Lee

New York, NY

Jan 2020 - Dec 2020

## Work Experience

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### Chief Technology Officer

Toner Buzz Inc.

Northvale, NJ

Aug 2014 - Sep 2019

- Designed and developed a 12-Million dollar revenue eCommerce website using BigCommerce and Magento
- Managed cross-functional PPC, SEO, and Copy-write teams
- Increased Conversion Rate by 25% by simplifying checkout processes
- Lowered Bounce Rate by 27% with new design using A/B Testing
- Managed Windows Computers, implemented, maintained, upgraded physical and virtual machines
- Automated and managed backing up of website products, customers, and server data

## Skills

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**Languages:** C/C++, Python, Java, HTML5/CSS3, JavaScript, PHP, MySQL, Neo4j

**Frameworks:** TensorFlow, PyTorch, Keras, Flask, Codeigniter

**Other Tools:** Github, Vim, AWS, Photography, Adobe Photoshop, Google Analytics/Adwords

## Fellowships and Grants

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20/21 **CA Fellowship**, GS  
19/20 **Casdin Scholarship**, GS  
18/19 **NJ Media Group Scholarship**, GS