

## Michael Bobak

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### SUMMARY

Research-Programmer starting with physical-science simulation, adding AI study and years of Knowledge-Engineering work as well (edu/gov/com). Focus on Knowledge-Based aids, for process improvement to teaching, AI: Knowledge-Representation and Reasoning, Rules, Kn-Acq, NLP, ML, et al.

### WORK EXPERIENCE

#### **Freelance Consultant**, San-Francisco, CA

July 2011 - Present

Develop startup idea/s, starting with working on a ProofOfConcept for Patient DataMiningCluster patent application that I helped start at ucsf.edu

#### **Apollo Group**, San-Francisco, CA

Architect, Adaptive Learning Platform / Oct 2010 - May 2011

Conceptually annotate study material & tests for automated remediation, instrument classroom to learn from use [Hadoop, Lisp, KM]

#### **University of California, San Francisco**, San-Francisco, CA

Programmer/Analyst III / Sep 2007 - Oct 2010

Medical-Informatics research (relating to clinical-trials) in Lisp/KM, and Natural-Language-Processing in Java/etc; paper with Stanford group; ontology dev/use [Lisp, KM, ..]

#### **Freelance Consultant**, Chicago/Boston

Knowledge Engineer/Research Programmer / Feb 2001 - Sep 2007

mindbox.com 3/02-10/02. [used Art\*Enterprise] See: Ocwen\_Mindbox Worked upto half-time for <http://cas.dis.anl.gov> 5/03-5/04 [Java Simulation] Worked full-time 8/03-~05(verizon)labs.gte.com, Model-Based-Diagnosis on a national scale. [Art\*Enterprise] See: [aaai.org/Papers/IAAI/1996/IAAI96-287.pdf](http://aaai.org/Papers/IAAI/1996/IAAI96-287.pdf) Bioinformatics/control contract 11/04-12/05 [CLIPS&Protege. stanford.edu/Java/DB] Control of perfusion pumps on light microscope sample, monitoring incl. Machine-vision, Bio-ontology/reasoning/Kn-mngt for the experiment setup. & Grant proposal work. Worked for CME.com 2/06-06/06 (re)organizing trade-data validation code. [CLIPS/Jess] Signal-Processing/Machine-Learning (startup) 06/06-[Lisp/etc] Hospital Informatics/Machine-Learning ghx.com 02/07-05/07-[Lisp], MachineLearning speedup for financial-scientific [Lisp]

#### **University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign - Knowledge Based Systems Lab**, Urbana, IL

Senior Research Programmer (kbs.ai.UIUC.edu) / Jun 1998 - Feb 2001

Organize many levels of a very large knowledge based simulation projects. Brought over 18 programmers together to deliver a coherent product. Ran weekly (sub)group meetings, down to help solving any problem. Hiring, demo, design, install trips, prototyping to lead project direction. Taught group of 6 how to use a Rule-Based-shell for a reasoner-rewrite in Art\*Enterprise. Projects included: Simulation-based, Intelligent Tutoring System (ITS) & Real-Time control system. Being used in classroom, real life testing, presented at IAAI99 'Automated Instructor Assistant for Ship Damage Control' The system teaches Navy officers how to save a simulated ship in crisis. A variant was developed to catch real-time crisis conditions and suggest solutions <http://www.dwilkins.org/members.htm>

#### **Brightware**, Chicago, IL

Knowledge Engineer / Oct 1996 - Jun 1998

Helped develop and install their very first product (Intelligent email reply). Worked between development and consulting. Helped on several Knowledge-Based business applications. Helped with several deployed Knowledge-Based business applications (ie. financial: mortgage, web based job finder). [Art\*Enterprise]See: [http://www.brightware.com/eservice\\_solutions/](http://www.brightware.com/eservice_solutions/) More recently I worked 1/2year for the new version of the company: Mindbox.

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**Northwestern University - Institute of Learning Sciences, Evanston, IL**

Lead Programmer/Analyst / Feb 1996 - Aug 1996

Wrote Lisp code (mainly GUI) for Qualitative Research Group. Learned more about Qualitative/Quantitative Simulation, Model-Based Reasoning, Intelligent-Tutoring-Systems, & general Lisp programming. See: <http://www.qrg.northwestern.edu/projects/NSF/Cyclepad/abouttcp.htm>

**Argonne National Lab, Argonne, IL**

Software Engineer (EAD and DIS groups) / Feb 1993 - Feb 1996

Wrote fielded Expert System by myself at the end of grad-school. [in Lisp rule-shell then CLIPS] Prototyped communication & control of distributed simulation. [in CLIPS PVM etc] Agent wrapping of simulations with CLIPS+PVM, to describe then mix and match them. Also used C++/Smalltalk/FORTRAN with PVM; Other work as needed. Algo/Viz/Etc. Written up in a book about innovative distributed object application. See: [http://www.dis.anl.gov/DEEM\\_HLAsim](http://www.dis.anl.gov/DEEM_HLAsim) [http://www.dis.anl.gov/DEEM/DIAS\\_mike.bobak.googlepages.com/diaswp.pdf](http://www.dis.anl.gov/DEEM/DIAS_mike.bobak.googlepages.com/diaswp.pdf) \_More recently I worked part-time for the new subgroup of dis: [cas.dis.anl.gov](http://cas.dis.anl.gov).

**University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL**

Graduate Research Assistant/Research Programmer / Jan 1990 - Jan 1993

Wrote molecular graphics package used in classes & for publications. [in C] Used machine-learning techniques for protein structure prediction. Wrote thesis on Knowledge-Based Simulation Environment. [Lisp/OPS5/C] Overseen by heads of the NCSA CompBio group and head of Biophysics at the time. see: [web.bilkent.edu.tr/ncsa/Apps/CBdir.html](http://web.bilkent.edu.tr/ncsa/Apps/CBdir.html) [National Center for Supercomputing Applications]NCSA,Uof IL,GIST Urbana/Savoy, IL

**University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL**

Programmer/Consultant / Apr 1989 - Dec 1989

Suggested scientific software path for Software Tools Group of NCSA; Wrote molecular viz code for a professor. Wrote testing code for Global Info Systems Tech. [in C]

**Shearson Lehman Hutton, London, England**

Programmer (Research Computing) / Oct 1988 - Apr 1989

Maintained financial databases & daily report information. Organized worldwide mailing system. Wrote statistics code for stock predictions. [MUMPS and Maths-package]

**US Army Corps of Engineers Research Lab, Champaign, IL**

Research Programmer (Modeling and Acoustics teams) / Mar 1982- Aug 1988

Provided research support from start to finish. [FORTRAN] Wrote and ran computer simulation code, compared output with field data. Did field measurements to back up predictions. (Team/Self; Local/US/World-wide) My work went into several published papers. GRASS: <http://grass.fbk.eu/>

**EDUCATION**

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

MS Biophysics & Computational Biology with AI, 1990-93

BS Physics, BS Biophysics, 1983-88, dept. distinction

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:**

AAAI (Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence) life-member.

IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers)& Computer Society 10yrs

also: [meetup.com](http://meetup.com), [linkedin.com](http://linkedin.com)-groups, & [github.com](http://github.com) opensource examples

SKILLS & EXPERTISE

*AI*

Artificial Intelligence  
Adaptive Systems  
Business Rules  
Case-Based Reasoning  
Conceptual Modeling  
Data Mining  
Intelligent Agents  
Intelligent Systems  
Knowledge Engineering  
Knowledge-Based Systems  
Machine Learning  
Natural Language Processing  
Natural Language  
Understanding Ontology  
Engineering  
Rules  
Semantic Web  
Semantics  
Causal Inference  
Composite Applications  
Computational Intelligence  
Controlled Vocabularies  
Data Analysis  
Decision Modeling  
Expert Systems  
Information Access  
Information Extraction  
Information Retrieval  
Intelligent Tutoring Systems  
Knowledge Representation  
Logic Programming  
Mathematical Logic  
Mathematical Programming  
Ontology Development  
Rules Engines  
SNOMED  
Semantic Search  
Semantic Technologies  
Taxonomy Development  
Text Classification

*Science*

Research  
Scientific Software  
Scientific Computing  
Simulation  
Computational Mathematics  
Biophysics  
Computational Biology

*Others*

Cloud Computing  
MapReduce  
Hadoop  
Dynamic Language  
Common Lisp  
other languages

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

*19+ years overall:*

C(6+ years)  
FORTRAN(6+ yrs)  
Scheme (~1 yr)  
MUMPS (1/2yr)  
Lisp (7+yrs of CL 10+yrs of others)

*Object Orientated [14+ years]:*

Smalltalk (~1 yr) C++(1+yr)  
Python(< 1yr), Java (1+ yr)  
CLOS [CL -Object-System]

*Rule-Based KnRep&*

*Reasoning: [10+ years]:*

OPS5, Prolog, GoldWorks(<1yr)  
CLIPS(4+yrs)  
ArtEnterprise(4+years)  
Knowledge-Machine(3+years)  
JESS(1 yr)  
Protege(6+yrs)

*Libs:*

Viz: OpenGL(3+ yrs)  
HPC: PVM (1+yr)  
WS:Tomcat/Axis SOAP/REST

*Databases:*

MS-Jet/SQL, MySQL  
PostgreSQL, ORDB  
Graph&triple persistence  
&other NoSQL

*Operating-Systems:*

NeXTSTEP, MS(NT..XP) (8+ yrs)  
UNIX (18+ years), incl.GNULinux  
OS-X.Darwin(10+ years)