

# Michael Bobak Seeking creative computational problem-solving post

as either a: **Knowledge-Engineer, Scientific/Research-Programmer/Systems-Analyst/Architect, Scientist, Multi-disciplined Research/Software-Engineer.**

**Want to further my knowledge/experience with Artificial Intelligence/Modeling&Simulation techniques; through stimulating peer interaction, challenging projects. Interests include:** Knowledge-(Representation/Reasoning/Mngt) for cooperative Scientific modeling[e-Science, Semantic(Web/Grid)Services] via multi-use Model-Based-Reasoning/descriptive(layer of logic) to use preconstructed applications&data. Prefer dynamic(event-driven)language/environments. Having a Lisp(like)language, use of AI techniques& a science-based domain, would do it for me. **Interest come together in Knowledge-Based-Modeling&Simulation Environments, or any type of Assisted Problem-Solving-Environments.**

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## Education: University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

M.S. Biophysics & Computational Biology, (with focus in AI)

October 1993 Thesis: *Molecular Simulation with Expert Rules* (in OPS5/Lisp/C)

B.S. Physics and B.S. Biophysics, May 1988 dept-distinction

## Programming[19+ years]

C (6+ years)

FORTRAN (6+ years)

Lisp (7+years of CL 10+years of others)

Scheme (~1 yr), MUMPS (1/2 year),...

CLIPS (4+ years) based upon ART\*Enterprise&it's COOL [CLIPS Object Orientated Language]

## Object Orientated: [14+ yrs]

C++ (1+ years)

Smalltalk (~1 year)

Python(< 1year), Java (1+ year)

CLOS [Common-Lisp-Object-System]

## Rule-Based, KR&R: [10+ yrs]:

CLIPS(4+yrs)[C Language Integrated Production System]

[ART-Enterprise](#)(4+yrs)[JESS](#)(1 yr)

[Knowledge-Machine](#)(3+yrs)

[GoldWorks](#)(<1 yr),[Protege](#)(6+yrs)

[OPS5](#)[OfficialProductionSystem5],[Prolog](#)

## Libs: Viz/HPC/Database /Web Services//Operating-Systems:

SGI's Graphics Language (*OpenGL*) (3+ years)

PVM [Parallel-Virtual-Machine], Hadoop (½ year)

MS-Jet/SQL, MySQL, PostgreSQL, ORDB-link & persistent-store Tomcat/Axis SOAP, jsp; Semantics via Protege-OWL/SWRL/Jess

UNIX (18+ years), incl. Linux, OS-X/Darwin (10+ years), NeXTSTEP, MS(NT/Win2k/XP) (8+ years)

## College Course work related to Artificial Intelligence (AI):

Pattern Recognition & Machine Learning

Special Topics in Neural Networks

Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

Computer Inference&Knowledge Acquisition

*Mechanized Mathematical Inference* -(1/2 of)

AI-2 <http://aima.cs.berkeley.edu/>

*Human Computer Interaction (HCI)*

Programming Language Principles

*Mathematical Modeling & Visualization*

Computer Models of Cognitive Processes

Design of Computer Problem Solvers

*Building Problem Solvers*

*Numerical Analysis*

&further reading

## & Extracurricular Experience:

*Physics Society* officer, (vp/etc) 3 years.

*Community Radio Station show*, 2 years

*Other groups and volunteering.*

## Professional Organizations:

AAAI (Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence)

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

Links: <https://github.com/MBcode> <https://twitter.com/mbstream> <http://linkedin.com/in/michaelbobak> &several meetup groups

## Work Experience:

*Freelance/Consulting develop startup ideas, incl ProofOfConcept for ucsf data-mining pattennt application I'm on 7/2011-present*

*Architect-Adaptive Learning Platform*

*ApolloGrp.edu (for UofPhoenix)*

*San-Francisco 10/2010-7/2011*

*Conceptually annotate study materials& tests for automated remediation, instrument classroom to learn from use-patterns*

*Programmar/Analyst III*

*University of California San-Francisco*

*9/2007-2010*

*Medical-Informatics research conceptual tagging of medical-text, NLP Ontology dev/usepaper <http://rctbank.ucsf.edu/home/ergo>*

*Knowledge Engineer Freelance: Mindbox/etc*

*from Chicago, IL*

*2/2001-9/2007*

Worked through <http://www.mindbox.com> 3/02-10/02. [used Art\*Enterprise] See: "<http://softdist.mindbox.com/pressreleases/Ocwen>

[Mind Box.doc](#)" Worked upto ½ time for <http://cas.dis.anl.gov> 5/03-5/04 [used Java Simulation] Worked full-time 8/03--05

labs.gte.com, Model-Based-Diagnosis on a national scale. [Used Art \*Enterprise] See: <http://mike.bobak.googlepages.com/IAAI96-SSCFI.pdf> Bioinformatics/control contract 11/04-12/05 [Used 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. [using 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]

*(Senior) Research Programmer* (Knowledge Based Systems Lab) U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign 6/1998-2/2001  
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 crisis conditions and suggest solutions, in real-time.  
<http://www.dwilkins.org/members.htm>

*Knowledge Engineer* Brightware Novato, CA 10/1996-6/1998  
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). All with 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.

*Lead Programmer/Analyst* Institute of Learning Sciences Qualitative Reasoning Group Evanston, IL 2/1996-8/1996  
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/aboutcp.htm>

*Software Engineer* (EAD then DIS groups) Argonne National Lab Argonne, IL 2/1993-2/1996  
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> <http://www.dis.anl.gov/DEEM/DIAS>  
<http://mike.bobak.googlepages.com/bobak/diaswp.pdf> More recently I worked part-time for the new subgroup of dis: cas.dis.anl.gov.

*Graduate Research Assistant /Research Programmer* University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, IL 1/1990-1/1993  
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: <http://web.bilkent.edu.tr/ncsa/Apps/CBdir.html>

*Programmer/Consultant*[National Center for Supercomputing Applications]NCSA,Uof IL,GIST Urbana-Champaign, IL 4/1989-12/198  
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]

*Programmer* (Research Computing) Shearson Lehman Hutton London, England 10/1988-4/1989  
Maintained financial databases & daily report information. Organized worldwide mailing system. Wrote statistics code for stock predictions. [MUMPS and Maths-package]

*Research Programmer* (Modeling then Acoustics teams) CERL (Construction Engineering Research Lab) Urbana-Champaign, IL 3/1982-8/1988  
Provided research support from start to finish. Wrote and ran computer simulation code, compared output with field data. [FORTRAN] Did field measurements to back up predictions. (Team/Self; Local/US/World-wide) My work went into several published papers. See: [http://adsabs.harvard.edu/cgi-bin/nph-bib\\_query?1987ASAJ...81..638J](http://adsabs.harvard.edu/cgi-bin/nph-bib_query?1987ASAJ...81..638J) & 1987nce..conf..215R  
<http://www.cecer.army.mil/td/tips/pub/details.cfm?PUBID=1452&TOP=1> Early work went into GRASS:  
<http://grass.itec.it/intro/general.php>

Early summary: Started as a research-programmer in high-school, through both undergrad-degrees. Then a work-abroad, and work back home before starting grad-school. Crafted a Computational-Science degree, and went to Chicago for DOE work.

Experience Summary: Modeling&Simulation and AI work has helped my design and algorithmic skills. Growing up around UIUC, using networked computers (PLATO) since early grade-school, early tech-groups (sci/eng/CS), then work in & around super-computing, has set my standards for what is a good/ interesting system, quite high. I get something out of all of my work, yet think I can do more. So I continue to look for places that I can enact (*at least parts of*) my vision. I prefer scientific applications, but the ability to push the norm with innovative applications wins out in any domain. If your IT dept. already has the skills for what you want done, I probably shouldn't work for you. I should be helping you with a multi-disciplined problem, by leveraging my varied background. I am a uniting force as both a knowledge worker&kn-engineer. If it isn't clear, I don't just write code. If you just want code written and no problem solved along the way; then I can only do that short-term.