

Michael Bobak Seeking creative computational problem-solving post

as either a: [Knowledge-Engineer](#), [Scientific/Research-Programmer](#), [Systems/Data-Analyst/Architect](#), [Scientist](#), [Multi-disciplined Research/Software-Engineer](#).

I solve problems using my varied background, I don't just program; If all you have is a spec or something to be tended, I'm not interested.

I continue to further my knowledge/experience with [Artificial Intelligence/Modeling&Simulation](#) techniques; through stimulating peer interaction, challenging projects. [Particular interest](#) in a [Knowledge-Based-Modeling&Simulation Environment](#), Assisted [Problem-Solving-Environments](#).

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/[data-driven](#))language/environments. Having a [Lisp](#)(like)[language](#), use of AI techniques&a science/fun [domain](#), would do it for me.

Educational Background [M.S. Biophysics & Computational Biology](#), (with focus in AI) [B.S. Physics and B.S. Biophysics]

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, May 1988 dept-distinction, October 1993 Thesis: *Molecular Simulation with Expert Rules* (in OPS5/Lisp/C)



Programming Skills [19+ years]

C (6+ years) FORTRAN (6+ years)

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

[Lisp](#) (7+years of [CL](#) 10+years of others)

Object Orientated [14+ years]

[Smalltalk](#) (~1 year) C++ (1+ years)

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

[CLOS](#) [Common-Lisp-Object-System]

Libs:

[Viz: OpenGL](#)(3+ yrs)

[HPC: PVM](#) (1+yr)

[WS:Tomcat/Axis SOAP/REST](#)

Databases:

MS-Jet/SQL, MySQL NeXTSTEP, MS(NT..XP) (8+ yrs)

PostgreSQL, ORDB UNIX (18+ years), incl.[GNU/Linux](#)

[Graph&triple persistence OS-X](#).Darwin(10+ years)

Operating-Systems:

Rule-Based Languages, KnRep&Reasoning: [10+ years]:

[OPS5](#)[OfficialProductionSystem5], [Prolog](#), [GoldWorks](#)(< 1 yr), [CLIPS](#)(4+yr),[ART-Enterprise](#)(4+years), [Knowledge-Machine](#)(3+years), JESS(1 yr), [Protege](#)(6+yr)

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

Pattern Recognition & Machine Learning

Special Topics in Neural Networks

Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

Mechanized Mathematical Inference -(1/2 of)

ComputerInference&KnowledgeAcquisition

Computer Models of Cognitive Processes

Programming Language Principles

Mathematical Modeling & Visualization

Building Problem Solvers

Human Computer Interaction(HCI)

Design of Computer Problem Solvers

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

College Extracurricular Experience:

Physics Society officer, (vp/etc) 3yrs; *Community Radio Station show*, 2 years ..

Professional Organizations:

[AAAI](#) (*Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence*) life-member.

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

<http://www.linkedin.com/in/michaelbobak> (50 groups)

meetup.com user:5734460 *twitter: @Mbstream*

<https://github.com/MBcode>

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.

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Work Experience:

Freelance, develop startup idea/s, which started with working on a *ProofOfConcept* for Patient DataMiningCluster patent application that I helped start at ucsf.edu SF, CA 7/2011-present

Architect – Adaptive Learning Platform ApolloGrp.edu SanFrancisco, CA used Lisp/KM Hadoop 10/2010-7/2011

Conceptually annotate study material & tests for automated remediation, instrument classroom to learn from use

Programmer/Analyst III Medical-Informatics research University of California San-Francisco 9/2007-6/2010

(relating to clinical-trials) in Lisp/KM, and Natural-Language-Processing in Java/etc; [paper](#) with Stanford [group](#)

<http://rcbank.ucsf.edu/>

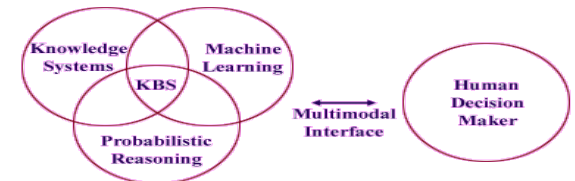
Knowledge Engineer Freelance:Mindbox/etc Chicago, IL 2/2001-9/2007 Rule-based,Case-based,Machine-learning/Data-Mining, &any Lisp work.



<http://mindbox.com/> 3/02-10/02. [used Art*Enterprise] See: [Ocwen Mindbox](#) Worked upto 1/2 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: <http://www.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] Protege&Lisp Hospital Informatics/Machine-Learning [ghx.com](#) 02/07-05/07-[Lisp], MachineLearning speedup for financial-scientific [Lisp]; <http://rctbank.ucsf.edu/> 08/07-[Lisp]

(Senior) Research Programmer (Knowledge Based Systems Lab) 6/1998-2/2001

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, IL 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>



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). [Art*Enterprise] See: 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 QualitativeReasoningGroup 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>

The Institute for the Learning Sciences
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Software Engineer (EAD then DIS groups) Argonne National Lab Argonne, IL

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/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.

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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, 4/1989-12/1989

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]

Programmer (Research Computing) Shearson Lehman Hutton London, England [MUMPS and Maths-package] 10/1988-4/1989

Maintained financial databases & daily report information. Organized worldwide mailing system. Wrote statistics code for stock predictions.



Research Programmer Construction Engineering Research Lab Urbana-Champaign, IL 3/1982-8/1988

(Modeling then Acoustics teams) 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. See:

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> GRASS: <http://grass.fbk.eu/>



US Army Corps of Engineers
Engineer Research and Development Center
Construction Engineering Research Laboratory

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.