

# Michael Bobak

Knowledge-Engineer / Research-Programmer

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## SUMMARY

[Research-Programmer](#) starting with (bio)[physical-science](#) simulation, adding AI study and years of [Knowledge-Engineering](#) work [Knowledge-Based](#) aids, for process improvement to [teaching](#). AI: [Knowledge-Representation&Reasoning](#), [Rules](#), [Kn-Acq](#), [NLP](#), [ML](#), ...

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- Present **AlohaHealth** *remote*  
Jun 2018 [Sr AI Research-Engineer](#)  
Part of a startup built on the topic of my UCSF research. Semantic search for clinical trials. [graph store/s]
- Aug 2023 **National Center for Supercomputing Applications** *Urbana, IL*  
Nov 2019 [Sr Research Software Engineer](#)  
- All the PoCs for [earthcube.org/geocodes](https://earthcube.org/geocodes) incl. organizing others to bring in a great NSF review  
- Focus on semantics/metadata search, with some NLP and sim. [Python/SPARQL...]
- Aug 2019 **Agribile/Nutrien** *Urbana, IL*  
Aug 2018 [Sr Engineer, Natural Systems](#)  
Ag-informatics/sim/.. Planned and guided reworking the main simulation, documentation and ML/verification [Python]
- Jul 2018 **Freelance** *San-Francisco, CA*  
Jul 2011 [consultant](#)  
- Working as an ontologist for osthus.com on aligning bio/pharma ontologies to BFO to annotate masses of data in HDF5 files, for the [allotrope.org](https://allotrope.org)  
- Worked with IDEO on their systems integration issues that could be aided by Knowledge-Graph for information refinement and cleanup  
- Worked with the Siemens Web of Things research group on use of SemWeb+IoT for adaptable manufacturing  
- Advised start-ups in AI: fashion blog to trends, sport dbpedia info, work chatbot  
- Developed ideas to take my UCSF research and fuse it with the Patient Data Mining Cluster that was developed by the UCSF Head of Research Computing and a PhD student, which has now been submitted for a patent  
- Worked with UCSF in Psychology Department understand how to apply NLP and graph relation insights into an app they developed called Prime, to help with mental health management  
- Continued to build skills around ML, Semantic-Web/Linked-Data, and Knowledge-Engineering, with these courses, from:  
- Coursera: Data Analysis, Data Science (with distinction), Machine Learning (with distinction), Discrete Optimization (audit)  
- openHPI: Semantic Web, Knowledge Engineering, Kn Eng w/Semantic Web technology, LinkedDataEngineering  
- Stanford: Design Thinking
- Jul 2011 **ApolloGrp.edu** *San-Francisco, CA*  
Oct 2010 Architect, [Adaptive Learning Platform](#)  
Conceptually annotate study material & tests for automated remediation, instrument classroom to learn from use [Hadoop, Lisp, KM]
- Oct 2010 **UCSF.edu** *San-Francisco, CA*  
Sep 2007 [Programmer/Analyst III](#)  
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, ..]
- Sep 2007 **Freelance** *Chicago/Boston*  
Feb 2001 [Knowledge-Engineer/ Research-Programmer](#)

[mindbox.com](http://mindbox.com) 3/02-10/02. [used Art\*Enterprise] See: [Ocwen\\_Mindbox](http://Ocwen_Mindbox) Worked up to half-time for [cas.dis.anl.gov](http://cas.dis.anl.gov) 5/03-5/04 [Java Simulation] Worked full-time 8/03--05([verizonlabs.gte.com](http://verizonlabs.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](http://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]

Feb 2001 **kbs.ai.UIUC.edu** *Urbana, IL*

Jun 1998 (Senior) Research Programmer ([Knowledge Based Systems Lab](http://Knowledge Based Systems Lab))

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 [www.dwilkins.org/members.htm](http://www.dwilkins.org/members.htm)

Jun 1998 **Brightware** *out of Chicago, IL*

Oct 1996 Knowledge-Engineer

Helped develop and install their very [first product \(Intelligent email reply\)](http://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.

Aug 1996 **Institute of Learning Sciences** *Evanston, IL*

Feb 1996 Lead Programmer/Analyst

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>

Feb 1996 **Argonne National Lab** *Argonne, IL*

Feb 1993 Software Engineer ([EAD](http://EAD) then [DIS](http://DIS) groups)

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\\_diaswp.pdf](http://www.dis.anl.gov/DEEM/DIAS_diaswp.pdf) \_More recently I worked part-time for the new subgroup of dis: [cas.dis.anl.gov](http://cas.dis.anl.gov).

Jan 1993 **UIUC.edu** *Urbana, IL*

Jan 1990 Graduate Research Assistant /Research Programmer

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/nscsa/Apps/CBdir.html](http://web.bilkent.edu.tr/nscsa/Apps/CBdir.html)

Dec 1989 **[National Center for Supercomputing Applications]NCSA,Uof IL,GIST** *Urbana/Savoy, IL*

Apr 1988 Programmer/Consultant

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]

Apr 1989 **Shearson Lehman Hutton** *London, England*

Oct 1988 Programmer (Research Computing)

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

Aug 1988

## US Army Corp. of Eng. Research Lab *Champaign, IL*

Mar 1982

Research Programmer (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](#). GRASS: [grass.osgeo.org](http://grass.osgeo.org)

## 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 10yr](#)

### Other groups:

[meetup.com](#), [linkedin-groups](#)

### ID

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[wikidata.org/wiki/Q104512704](http://wikidata.org/wiki/Q104512704)

### Papers

[scholar.google.com/&q=michael+bobak](http://scholar.google.com/&q=michael+bobak)

## SKILLS & EXPERTISE

AI [Artificial Intelligence](#) [Adaptive Systems](#) [Business Rules](#) [Recommender-Systems](#) [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](#) [Case-Based Reasoning](#)

[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](#) [Model-based reasoning](#) [Ontology Development](#) [Rules Engines](#) [SNOMED](#) [Semantic Search](#) [Semantic Technologies](#)

[Taxonomy Development](#) [Text Classification](#)

Science [Research](#) [Scientific Software](#) [Scientific Computing](#) [Scientific Visualization](#) [Simulation](#) [Computational Mathematics](#)

[Biophysics](#) [Computational Biology](#) [Physics](#)

Others [Cloud Computing](#) [MapReduce](#) [Hadoop](#) [Dynamic Languages](#) [Exploratory programming](#) [Common Lisp](#) [other Languages](#)

## PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES/....:

19+ years overall

Object Orientated  
14+yr

Rule-Based KnRep& Reasoning:10+yr

Libs:

Databases:

Operating-Systems:

C(6+yr) FORTRAN(6+yr) [Smalltalk](#)(1yr),C++(1+yr)

[OPSS](#), [Prolog](#),[GoldWorks](#)(1yr)

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

MS-Jet/SQL, MySQL [NextSTEP](#), MS(NT..XP) (8+yr)

[Scheme](#)(~1 yr) [MUMPS](#)(1/2yr).. [Python](#)(5+yr),

[CLIPS](#)(4+yr),[ART](#)(4+yr),

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

PostgreSQL, [ORDB](#) UNIX (18+yr),[GNU/Linux](#)

[Java/Scala](#)(1+yr)

[Knowledge-Machine](#)(3+yr),

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

[Graph&triple](#)

[OS-X](#).[Darwin](#)(10+yr)

[Lisp](#) (7+yr [CommonLisp](#) [CLOS\[CL](#) -Object-System]

[JESS](#)(1 yr),[Protege](#)(6+yr)

[persistence](#)

&other [NoSQL](#)

some opensource examples at: [github.com/MBcode](http://github.com/MBcode) [github.io](http://github.io)

as [html/ pdf](#) and [latest-talk](#) . .