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EDUCATION

University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL

Computer Science + Astronomy

Relevant Coursework: Discrete Structures, Intro to Computer Science

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PrairieLearn, Champaign, IL

September 2022 -

Expected: Dec 2024

Present

Open-Source Student Developer

- Resolving bugs in University of Illinois' exam platform, used by over thousands of undergraduates
- Collaborating with a dozen remote developers to develop and improve disability accessibility features

NASA Proposal Writing and Evaluation Experience LSPACE Program, remote

June 2022 – August

2022

Science Team Lead, Overseer of scientific research for NASA technology proposal

- Participated on a panel of 12 people to critique proposal drafts
- Researched and compiled literature on state-of-the-art quantum sensing chips
- Developed financial budget and Gantt chart for the team technology proposal submitted to NASA

PROJECTS

IllinoisMap: angular.js, node.js, Google Maps API, HTML/CSS

https://github.com/Dhruvmehta5402/Team-Gears

February 2022 – April 2022

Front-end/back-end co-developer: Designed landing page and provided functionality using node.js

Map application that allows students to publicly upload local student-run events onto Google Maps interface

- Implemented Google Maps API to provide interactive map for users
- Designed landing, functional buttons, and map with HTML/CSS
- Presented project to over 200 students at UIUC's Engineering Open House

Luminosity: Figma, HTML/CSS, Notion API, Panda web scraping library

https://github.com/eeshabarua/gears.git

October 2021

Front-end co-developer: Team's primary designer responsible for UI/UX and database functions

Provides information about Urbana-Champaign non-profits with user-friendly UI

- Converted web-scraped data into HTML files
- Stored data into Notion database and synced front-end webpage to database

LEADERSHIP & ACTIVITIES

Association for Computing Machinery @ UIUC (ACM@UIUC)

May 2022 – Present

- Community Lead, works in collaboration with Social Committee Presidents' of UIUC chapter
- Aids in organizing event logistics and supply purchases events with attendees of over 200 people
- Hosts events for UIUC's 400+ undergraduate ACM members

SKILLS

Computer: C++, Git, Java, Kotlin, HTML/CSS, Node.js, Python (Novice)