

# Zachary Burkett

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## EDUCATION

### University of Central Florida | Burnett Honors College

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Music Minor

Expected Dec. 2025

GPA: 3.81

Honors/Awards: Dean's List (F' 22, S' 23), Benacquisto Scholar, National Merit Scholar

## SKILLS / CERTIFICATIONS

**Programming Skills:** Java, Python, C, C#, HTML/CSS, JavaScript, Git, GitHub, Unity, PyQt

**Programming Certifications:** MTA Software Development, Java, Python, JavaScript, HTML/CSS

**Networking/IT Certifications:** CompTIA A+, IT Fundamentals | MTA Networking, Security Fundamentals

**Software Certifications:** Microsoft Office Specialist | MTA Windows OS, Software Development

## EXPERIENCE

### University of Central Florida | Programming Team Member

2022 - 2023

Orlando, FL

- Worked in teams of 3 to quickly and collaboratively solve programming challenges
- Learned graph traversal algorithms: Dijkstra's, breadth-first search, depth-first search
- Implemented data structures: Tries, AVL trees, binary search trees, graphs, multi-dimensional arrays
- Used programming concepts: Dynamic programming, abstraction, recursion, polymorphism

### APPLeSEED Lab at UCF | Undergraduate Research Assistant

2024 - Present

Orlando, FL

- Used Python to analyze and create graphics to visualize large datasets
- Performed analysis of C macro usage in the Linux kernel
- Created Clang plugins to intercept the compile process, extracting macro data for translation analysis
- Collaborated using remote technology, Zoom, Slack, and Github, increasing project development

## EXTRACURRICULARS

### Technology Student Association | Sergeant-at-Arms

2020 - 2022

- Developed onboarding processes for 31 new members during a rapid membership growth of 306%
- Established a scalable new organization system for teams using Notion and Python
- Placed second nationally in Video Game Development in 2021, using the Unity game engine
- Placed fourth nationally in Software Development in 2022, using Python and PyQt

### Cyberpatriots | Team Member

2020 - 2022

- Patched security vulnerabilities in Windows and Linux operating systems
- Utilized Windows administrative tools: UAC, Event Viewer, MMC and PowerShell
- Learned Linux and CLI technologies: Ubuntu, Debian, Bash, Pacman, APT, GRUB and SSH
- Established secure, robust networking policies: Principle of least privilege, password policies, and 2FA

## PERSONAL PROJECTS

### Manimator | Open source math equation visualization software

- Developed a working prototype of an open source math visualization software using Python and PyQt
- Had a full-stack role on the team, working on input parsing and data management
- Designed UI with focus on accessibility and ease of use for the target audience of education professionals
- Integrated the technology of the open source software *Manim* into the product

### Ludum Arca | Educational puzzle game made with the Unity Engine

- Scripted logic for the game, including a 2D Sokoban puzzle mini game
- Optimized codebase and troubleshooted for WebGL deployment to make the game playable in browser
- Led play testing and quality assurance, taking user feedback into account while designing the game
- Utilized Plastic SCM and Kanban to organize the project, doubling the collaboration seen in commits

### Break Pet | Eye break reminder utility app for MacOS

- Solo developed website, application, and graphics for Break Pet.
- Created as a "fix your own problem" project to help reduce eye strain while working.
- Technologies: Three.js/WebGL (rendering octopus), GLSL graphics shaders (Water caustic shaders), Bootstrap CSS (website), Swift (Mac application), Photoshop (Graphics), Github (SCM and hosting)