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## Education

**Computer Science B.S** — *Western Washington University* — 3.98 GPA — *Magna Cum Laude* Sep 2019—Jun 2024  
• **Minor in Mathematics** — **Minor in German** — CS Distinguished Scholar — CS Pre-Masters

**Computer Science M.S.** — *Western Washington University* — 4.00 GPA (in-progress) Sep 2025—Jun 2025

## Experience

**Graduate Research Assistant** — *Hutchinson Machine Learning Research Group* Sep 2021—Present

- Solving problems in the automatic analysis of astronomical data in the domains of stellar imagery and stellar spectroscopy using advanced deep learning techniques like CNNs, transformers, and diffusion models.
- Constructing robust machine learning and data science pipelines using tools such as PyTorch, NumPy, and Pandas.

**Graduate Teaching Assistant** — *Western Washington University* Jun 2024—Present

- Leading computer science labs, holding regular office hours, providing individualized assistance, and grading student submissions on topics including data structures, algorithms, computer systems, and machine learning.

**Software Developer Intern** — *The International Society for Optics and Photonics* Jan 2023—Mar 2023

- Developed a versatile and extensible test automation framework to increase API test coverage and streamline the development of additional tests using C#, JavaScript, and Postman.
- Created comprehensive documentation detailing the design/usage of the framework to equip future developers.

**Web Developer** — *Center for Instructional Innovation and Assessment* Aug 2022—Dec 2022

- Developed and maintained 3 university websites using HTML, CSS, and Drupal, optimizing to accessibility standards.
- Produced new webpages for annual publications, collaborating with stakeholders to meet content requirements.

**Computer Science Tutor** — *Western Washington University* Jun 2022—Sep 2022

- Provided in-person instruction on a variety of advanced computer science topics to over 50 students.
- Tailored teaching style to each student, assessing knowledge gaps, and adapting communication methods.

## Research

- Generating Synthetic Stellar Spectra with Deep Learning: A Denoising Diffusion Probabilistic Model Approach* (in-progress)
- A Spatio-temporal Data-cube Approach to Classification of Variable Stars: A Catalog of Candidate Variable Stars from the TESS FFI Raw Data* (pending review)

## Skills

**Languages:** Python, C#, .NET, C, C++, JavaScript, Java, Julia  
**Web:** HTML5, CSS, SQL, Flask, RegEx, MongoDB  
**ML:** PyTorch, Lightning, NumPy, Pandas, Skeletonkey, WandB

**Tools:** VS Code, VIM, Git, GitHub, SSH, bash, Linux,  
**Non-technical:** Advanced proficiency in German (Level C1)

## Projects

**Skeletonkey** — *Python*

- A Python package providing lightweight and flexible configuration management for machine learning pipelines.

**3D Raytracing Engine** — *Julia* Nov 2024

- Using global illumination to render scenes with materials with diffuse, emissive, reflective, and refractive materials.

**LR(1) Parse Table Generator and Parser** — *Python, RegEx* Sep 2024

- Parse table generator that produces a parsing table from a textual description of a context-free grammar.

**Class Schedule Generator** — *JavaScript, HTML, CSS* Jun 2021

- Web app that algorithmically generates and visualizes optimal class schedules based on scraped WWU course data.
- Factors in user-specified preferences and constraints to intelligently produce optimized schedules.

**Abalone Game Agent** — *Python* Aug 2021

- AI agent based on minimax and alpha-beta pruning that plays the abstract strategy game Abalone at human levels.

**Terminal Calculator** — *Python, RegEx* Nov 2020

- Lightweight scientific calculator shell application optimized for ease of use.