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Software Engineer

Software Engineer with hands-on experience in full-stack web development, AI integration, and responsive UI design. Strong technical foundation in Java, JavaScript, and Python. Proven ability to ship real-world projects, lead coding instruction, and solve practical business problems with code.

Technical Skills

- **Languages:** Java (Expert), Python (Proficient), JavaScript (Proficient), PostgreSQL (Beginner)
- **Tools/Framework:** React, Node.js, Express, Flask, Docker, Git, Chrome Extensions, Jira

Education

- **Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Business Management** - Stony Brook University
- **Full-Stack Coding Bootcamp Certificate** – UCI

Work Experience

Retail Associate: Target Oct 2019 – May 2025

- Provided exceptional customer service to an average of 100+ guests per shift.
- Supported cross-functional teams in a high-volume retail environment.

Freelance Web Developer: A&R Hardware Store Mar 2025 – May 2025

- Built a responsive website with HTML/CSS/JS to increase user interaction and brand visibility by 100%
- Expected to increase local sales by an estimated 15-20% through digital presence and accessibility.

Freelance Frontend Developer: Truly Nuts Aug 2024 – Sep 2024

- Built Shopify-based e-commerce site; increased engagement by 20%
- Enhanced responsiveness and animations, improving user experience by 30%.

Coding Instructor: Coding Minds Academy Apr 2022 – Jul 2024

- Taught Java, Python, Unity, and Roblox to 30+ students with a 100% completion rate.
- Created 50+ custom lesson plans, improving student CS proficiency by 70%.

Technical Projects

AutoTrust | Repo Feb 2025 – Feb 2025

- Built a decentralized car marketplace with NFT ownership and AI pricing, driving 100+ transactions.
- **Role:** Full-Stack Developer
- **Stack:** React, Solana, Rust, TypeScript, FastAPI, MongoDB, Anchor, IPFS

Game Search Platform | Repo | Deployed Oct 2024 – Nov 2024

- Created a public API-powered game lookup app; improved cross-device UI consistency by 15%.
- **Role:** Frontend Engineer
- **Stack:** JavaScript, RAWG API, Tailwind CSS, HTML

AI Web Extension | Repo Feb 2024 – May 2024

- Built a Chrome extension for AI chat with real-time text extraction, boosting user engagement by 30%.
- **Role:** JavaScript Developer
- **Stack:** JavaScript, OpenAI API, Chrome Extensions, HTML, CSS

Awards & Honors

- **Hackathon 1st Place**, Google Notebook LM Track – “Vocal Vision” (Text-to-Video AI, Oct 2024)
- **Hackathon 1st Place**, Solana Blockchain Track – “AutoTrust” (Feb 2025)
- **Best Domain Name** – Branding Award at Hackathon (Oct 2024)