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Technical Projects

IDEA Survey Qualitative Analysis Tool

- Web app enabling professors to generate summaries and visualizations of course evaluation data.
- Utilizes Meta Llama 3.2 (3B Instruct) language model with custom LoRAs created via knowledge distillation from Google Gemma 27B.
- Hosted on a Flask backend using the Transformers library, supporting dynamic task execution via LoRa swapping.

Virtual Machine

- Virtual computer from scratch in Kotlin with a 500Hz CPU, 16 instructions, and 4KB of RAM.
- o Implemented OOP design patterns such as Singleton, Strategy, and Factory.
- Includes a custom Tic-Tac-Toe ROM compiled from hexadecimal machine code.

CatConnect

- Developed a full-stack CRUD application using React (Vite) and Django frameworks.
- Integrated a custom-trained CNN for binary classification of cat images using a custom dataset.
- Enabled user functionality such as account creation, profile management, posts, and likes.

Educational Background

Utah State University - Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Minor in Mathematics, Expected Graduation 2025. Cumulative GPA: 3.4/4.0.

Professional Experience

- Capital Fuels Operations Support Technician, Summer 2023. Enhanced customer transaction systems, optimized equipment diagnostics, and streamlined loyalty program registration through SQL and ASP.NET solutions.
- KSL Broadcast Group Engineering Intern, Oct 2021 Apr 2022. Specialized in electronic repairs, system programming, and 3D design, contributing to technological improvements and operational efficiency.

Core Competencies

- Programming: Python, Java, Kotlin, C++.
- Web Development: Springboot, React, Django, Flask
- Machine Learning: PyTorch, Pandas, Scikit-learn, Jupyter
- Other skills: Collaboration, problem-solving, self-starter