Kabir Samsi

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Software engineer & student researcher with strong passions for system & software engineering, with particular interests in intersecting compiler & programming language design with machine learning to build elegant software. Skilled in SWE, systems programming, PL & ML research, full-stack development, data engineering, team leadership & teaching.

EDUCATION

Cornell University

Ithaca, NY

Bachelor of Arts - Computer Science, Mathematics & Music

Aug. 2022 - Dec. 2025

- Graduate Coursework: Software Systems, Compilers, Programming Languages
- Relevant Undergraduate Coursework: Algorithms, Data Structures & OOP (Honors), Machine Learning, Functional Programming, Operating Systems, Computational Algebra, Linear Algebra, Probability Theory
- GPA 3.8/4.0, Dean's List Recipient (All Semesters), Pursuing CS Honors (PL & SWE Specialization)

Work Experience

Researcher (Programming Language & Compiler Design)

June 2024 - Present

Capra Research Group @ Cornell University

Ithaca, NY

- Researched optimizations for software-defined networking & language design for programmable packet scheduling.
- Developed a compiler & language for scheduling policy design, and algorithms to translate policies onto hardware.
- Spearheaded the design, formal verification & hardware representations of the PIEO/PIEO Tree data structures.

Head Teaching Assistant

August 2023 – Present

CS3110 (Data Structures & Functional Programming) @ Cornell University

Ithaca, NY

- Taught functional programming, data structures, interpreter design & formal verification to thousands of students.
- Created & led all pre-exam recitations; designed the course lab material; ran OH/discussions; led all TA meetings.
- Recipient of Cornell's Outstanding Computing & Information Science Teaching Assistant Award.

Software Development Engineer

August 2023 – Present

CMSX @ Cornell University

Ithaca, NY

- Full-stack developer for Cornell CIS's primary course management platform (8K+ users and 100+ courses).
- Optimized the staff grading interface; implemented parsing, verification and new integrations for CSV uploads.
- Reinforced type safety and refactored large portions of the Java codebase; migrated the frontend stack to React.js.

Data Analyst

October 2022 - May 2024

Cornell Lab of Ornithology

Ithaca, NY

- Classified 5000+ images and developed audiovisual bird ID models & data cleaning scripts for the Merlin Project.
- Curated database profiles for 300+ species splits for the EBird packs in Indonesia & Taiwan.

PROJECTS

Saberchat (Team Lead) | MEAN Stack

June 2020 - May 2022

• Led the development of a community platform infrastructure used by schools & organizations. Includes content-sharing systems, an online tutoring center & a streamlined preorder/inventory interface for retail groups.

FindYourBird (Founder & Lead) | MEAN Stack

June 2020 - May 2024

• Founded and built a bird ID, info & observation logging platform used by amateur ornithologists. Includes a search & identification system, information pages on 200+ different species & user-specific target species and locations.

$KLaTsL \mid OCaml$

November 2023 – Present

• A functional, typed & interpreted linear algebra-focused DSL introducing an elegant type system and syntax featuring matrix comprehensions & factorizations, typed transformations, dimensional typing and more.

Franz $\mid Rust$

March 2024 – Present

• A compiled programming language to represent music, Franz introduces features including rhythm comprehensions, recursive scales & motivic pattern matching. Compiles to ChucK, an audio production and representation language.

Technical Skills

Languages: Java, C/C++, Rust, OCaml, JavaScript/TypeScript, Python, Swift, Haskell, Ruby, Go, HTML/CSS Frameworks: MongoDB, Express, Node, React, NextJS, Ajax, LLVM, Yacc, Coq, Flask, Pandas, TensorFlow, PyTorch

Databases & Systems: MongoDB, SQL/PostgreSQL/MariaDB, Neo4j, Linux, Git, Docker, AWS

Expertise: Software Engineering, PL/Compilers, Research, ML, Fullstack Development, Systems Programming