Lester Lien

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EDUCATION

University of California, Riverside

Sept 2022 - Dec 2024

Bachelor of Science, Computer Science

Riverside, CA

Pasadena City College

Aug 2020 - May 2022; Summer 2023 & 2024

Associate of Arts, Engineering and Technology

Pasadena, CA

Associate of Science, Natural Science & Applied Science

PROJECTS

AniLytics | React, CSS, Node.js, Express.js, TypeScript, PostgreSQL

April 2025 - Present

- Designed and built an interactive dashboard visualizing **8+ anime topics** from MyAnimeList.
- Processed and structured 10 MB+ CSV data into PostgreSQL, creating Express API endpoints to fetch filtered data.
- Created real-time visualizations with React and Chart.js to display anime data through responsive charts.

PixelHive | React, CSS, Node.js, Express.js, JavaScript, JWT, bcrypt, SQLite3

Feb 2025 - Present

- Developed a full-stack web app displaying trending, popular, and waitlisted games using **Steam** and **ITAD APIs**
- Designed a responsive interface for browsing game details and prices across 33+ online stores in real time.
- Integrated user authentication with JWT and brrypt for login, registration, and game favoriting.
- Optimized image handling and loading to improve UI responsiveness, reducing game detail load times by 14%.

Conscious Carts | *Flutter, Dart, Firebase*

Apr 2024

- Collaborated with 2 team members during a hackathon to build a mobile app that analyzes 100+ foods using FDC and **Gemini APIs** for allergens, ingredients, and dietary compatibility.
- Implemented a Firebase login system with secure login/signup and user favoriting for **5 test users**.
- Developed the Android UI with search, food detail, home, authentication screens, and favoriting functionality.

Boba Thoughts | React, JavaScript, TailwindCSS, Next.js

Jan 2024 - Mar 2024

- Developed a responsive frontend for a boba shop finder web app that uses Yelp and Google Maps APIs to display 20+ local stores.
- Implemented the login/signup pages and favorites tab from Figma designs, collaborating in weekly sprints with 5 team members.
- Created UML and architecture diagrams to plan and document the website's structure and design.

Resume 322 | React, JavaScript, TailwindCSS, Node.js, Express.js, MongoDB

Sept 2023 - Mar 2024

- Collaborated with 2 team members using Scrum to build a resume web app that allows students to create resumes using Markdown with real-time preview and CSS customization.
- Developed login/signup pages and PDF export functionality, with 2 resume templates available for customization.
- Participated in weekly **sprints**, converting Figma designs into a clean UI and ensuring consistent progress.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages & Databases: C++, Java, JavaScript, TypeScript, HTML, CSS, SQL, PostgreSQL, LC-3 Assembly Frameworks & Tools: React, Node.js, Express.js, Tailwind CSS, Git, Github, Figma, LaTeX, GoogleTest, VS Code, Vercel, Supabase

Additional: English, Cantonese

Interests: Food, Gaming, Swimming, Photography, Running