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Education

Rice University, Houston, TX

May 2026

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Minor in Data Science

GPA: 3.96/4.0

Relevant Coursework: *Multivariable Calculus, Linear Algebra, Probability and Statistics, Computer Engineering, Program Design, Practical Machine Learning, Computer Systems, R for Data Science, Tools for Data Science, Concurrent Program Design, Algorithms, Computer Ethics*

Professional Experience

Machine Learning Researcher, Vislang Lab, Houston, TX

February 2024 – Present

- Major contributor to open web repository of millions of free-use images for the next generation of multimodal datasets for researchers.
- Training and benchmarking a CLIP (Contrastive Language-Image Pre-training) model on collected data for image-text retrieval tasks and zero-shot learning.
- Developed interactive web demonstrations that showcase the research group's published works, particularly SCoRD, an auto-regressive model that predicts relation-object pairs and their locations given an input subject in an image.
- Collaborating with a diverse team of researchers, providing code reviews and iterative feedback to enhance model performance and accuracy.

Software Developer, King Energy, Durango, CO

Jun 2023 – Aug 2023

- Engineered an intelligent file navigation and bundling tool, optimizing document processing workflows by 30%, significantly boosting operational efficiency in a rapidly growing solar energy startup.
- Designed and deployed a RESTful backend infrastructure using Node.js, seamlessly integrating with Google Drive, Prisma, and Salesforce, to streamline internal data management across the organization.
- Played a key role in a cross-functional team of developers, driving collaborative development practices through rigorous code reviews and iterative improvements, ensuring high-quality, scalable software solutions.

Projects

Vimtutor Sequel | *Bash, Vim Scripting, Homebrew, Ruby*

Aug 2024

- Authored an open-source software package that extends Vim's built-in vimtutor program, covering advanced topics such as macros, plugins, and registers.
- Gained 475+ stars on GitHub and featured on the Hacker News front page.
- Collaborated with a global team of open source contributors to get the package accepted into the Homebrew-Core package library.

Personal Website | *React, Vite, Tailwind CSS, Node*

Jun 2023 - Present

- Developed an iterative website to showcase portfolio and deliver an immersive user experience, incorporating modern technologies like React and Vite.
- Regularly writing technical blog pieces covering a wide array of topics such as information security, data structures and algorithms, web vulnerabilities, and more.

Leadership and Activities

Residential College Academic Mentor, Rice University, Houston, TX

August 2023 – Present

- Providing academic assistance for computer science courses through review sessions, office hours, and individual tutoring for a large group of computer science students.

Jazz Musician, Rice University, Houston, TX

August 2022 – Present

- Playing saxophone with a Rice jazz combo and regularly performing concerts in the Houston community and at Rice's Shepherd School of Music.

Technical Skills

Programming Languages: Python, Java, JavaScript/TypeScript, C, SQL, R, Lua, Go, Bash, Ruby

Web Development: HTML, CSS, React, React Native, NestJS, Next.js, Node, Vite

Machine Learning: TensorFlow, PyTorch, Pandas, NumPy

Tools and Technologies: Git, Firebase, Supabase, LaTeX, RegEx, Prisma, AWS Spark, Postgres, SQLite