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#### **EDUCATION (SELF TAUGHT)**

Dominican University of California - Bachelor's in Applied Computer Science

#### **SKILLS**

#### **Programming Languages**

- Javascript/Typescript (Proficient)
- HTML/CSS (Proficient)
- GraphQL (Familiar)
- · Python (Familiar)

#### **Frameworks**

Next.js, Tailwind CSS, Radix UI, Supabase, Playwright, Jest, PostgreSQL, NodeJS, Express, MDX, Jotai, Zustand, Github Actions

#### **Software**

- · VS Code, iTerm2, Fig
- · Notion, Figma, Linear

# GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

- Notion Templates & Advocate
- Mentor at TeenTechSF Civic Hackathon
- Speaker at Civic Code Hackathon
- Author of featured articles with over 10K reads (A1, A2, A3)
- Open Source Contributor
- Speaker at <u>WWDC Watch Party</u>
- Scholars in the Spotlight Podcast appearance
- · Judge at XDHacks

On a journey to create best in class apps, obsessed with designing fluid interfaces, and perfectionist at heart.

#### **EXPERIENCE**

# Amie — Full Stack Software Engineer — 2022 (7 mos)

- Identified hot paths and fixed rendering bottlenecks, making app interactions up to 3x faster and consistent at 60fps
- Automated performance regression testing using Playwright
- Authored internal wiki on writing performant code used by whole team

#### Fig's Manual Page — Front End Software Engineer — 2022 (Contracting)

- Incrementally generated documentation website with 25K pages for over 450 CLIs with automatic revalidation
- High performance SEO with dynamically rendered Open Graph images

# Onshape — Front End Software Engineer Intern — 2021 (3 mos)

Collaborated with UX, QA, stakeholders to deliver high quality features

- Engineered a graphical representation library from ground up in D3.js
- Deployed to production a brand new and modern Enterprise Settings
- Delivered new features using **Test Driven Development** in Protractor

# BoringStocks — Project Lead & Designer — 2021 (2 mos)

Minimalistic stock information website with a custom API service

- Led a team of 5 developers and designers in an Agile environment
- Organized weekly retrospectives for reviewing and planning sprints
- Estimated difficulty and duration of tasks using poker point planning
- Designed web interface by following UX best practices

#### **PERSONAL PROJECTS**

#### <u>TailwindCSS Snippets</u> — Next.js, Tailwind, Radix — 2022 — Launched!

- 10K unique visitors, 180+ GitHub stars
- Crafted collection of animation snippets made for Tailwind CSS
- Built custom context menu with keyboard shortcuts and typeahead

#### **AWARDS**

# Apple 2020 WWDC Swift Student Challenge Winner

 Created a memory game based on PencilKit drawings that integrates ondevice machine learning and sound effects using AVFoundation

# **Apple 2018 WWDC Scholarship Recipient**

• Developed an elegant and realistic card memory game

#### **HACKATHONS**

- Nasa Space Apps Global Nominee
- · Hacking for Humanity Overall 3rd Place
- Outside Hack Finalist (Sponsor Winner)

#### PAST EXPERIENCES (FOR CURIOUS READERS)

# **Quantum Robotics** — Founder & Hardware Lead — 2017-2020 (3 yrs)

A non-profit entity that was born out of a robotics high-school club

- Led project development tasks while practicing Waterfall management
- · Introduced team-management tools: Trello, Airtable, GSuite
- Achieved 2nd place by score at the World Championship Detroit 2019
- Won over 17 awards over the course of 10 competitions worldwide
- Shared my deep passion & knowledge with over 60 members

# <u>IllumeHealth</u> — Remote iOS Engineer — 2018 (2 mos)

Deep integration between HealthKit & WatchOS for tracking Sauna sessions

- Collaboration with product manager and designer to ensure optimal UI & UX
- Developed Front-End of both iOS & WatchOS Apps
- Designed CoreData Model and implemented business logic

#### **PAST PROJECTS**

#### <u>Fishcake</u> — React, Supabase, Twillio, Tailwind — 2021 (2 mos) — Launched!

- · Architectured monolithic repository with multiple projects, shared dependencies, CI/CD pipeline and status page
- · Conducted user testing with 10+ industry partners, designed and iterated features based on users' needs

#### MS Archives — Next.js, Docusaurus, Tailwind — 2021 (2 mos) — Launched!

- Conservatory of Make School used by over 5K people, including current students, instructors and alumni
- Archived, rendered and hosted over 50 courses and tutorials
- Implemented custom code sorcery using bash scripts

# Teamo — React, Redux, Firebase, MaterialUI — 2021 (2 mos) — Launched!

Network for gamers to find meaningful teammates

- · Crafted a design system and high fidelity mockups in Figma
- Engineered custom styled components by theming Material-UI
- Hooked up business logic between React and Firebase using Redux

# FTC Scorer — SwiftUI, Catalyst, CoreData — 2020 (3 mos) — Launched!

Dead simple app with OS level integrations for scoring robotics games

- Used by more than 100 robotics teams, and open sourced on GitHub
- · Integrated CoreData for saving scores and exporting data

## Envision: Habit Tracker — UIKit, SpriteKit— 2019 (1 yrs) — Launched!

Innovative habit tracker with a beautiful interface and delightful animations

- Innovative habit tracker that improved the life-style of over 5K people
- Implemented fluid animations and custom screen transitions
- Integrated SpriteKit for simulating physics