

# Richard Lechko

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Frontend-focused IT student with a passion for building responsive web applications using modern frameworks like React, Next.js, and Tailwind CSS.

## EDUCATION

**DePaul University, Chicago, IL** | B.S. in IT (Concentration in Web Development) | Major GPA: 3.7 | Expected June 2026

- **Web Development I & II:** Developed server-side web applications using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript in NodeJS.
- **Interactive Web Scripting:** Applied advanced JavaScript and DOM scripting for dynamic web pages.
- **Server-Side Web Dev:** Developed server-side applications and APIs using ReactJS following MVC architecture principles.

## EXPERIENCE

**Hendrickson** | Woodridge, IL

Nov 2024 – Present

### IT Intern

- Assist in gathering, processing, and reporting data to determine operational metrics and key performance indicators (KPIs).
- Create dashboards using PowerBI for business process owners and support data validation within the ERP data hub.

**RL IT Firm** | Orland Park, IL

Dec 2022 – Present

### Frontend Developer

- Developed a full-stack application for a local business, enhancing their online presence and functionality.
- Collaborated with the client to gather requirements and ensure the application met their needs.

**Mariano's** | Orland Park, IL

May 2022 – Nov 2024

### Bakery Clerk

- Managed 28-32 hours of work per week during the school year, demonstrating time management and dedication.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Frontend:** HTML, CSS, JavaScript, React.js, Next.js, TypeScript, Redux, Tailwind CSS, ShadCN, SCSS, Figma, and Astro.
- **Backend:** Node.js (Express.js), Java, Python (Flask), Go, REST APIs, and Docker.
- **Databases:** SQL, PostgreSQL, MongoDB, and Supabase.
- **Cloud & Hosting:** AWS (EC2, Amplify, S3, Route 53), Vercel, and Caddy.
- **Version Control & Testing:** Git, Cypress, and Microsoft Teams.
- **Open Source Tools:** Linux, Apache, NGINX, Wireshark, tmux, Oh My Zsh, and NeoVim.

## PROJECTS

**Personal Portfolio** | *React, CSS, Node.js, Express, and Vercel*

- Built a portfolio website using React, CSS, Node.js, and Express to showcase skills and projects.

**Northern Trust x DePaul Hackathon – 3rd Place** | *React, Tailwind, Node.js, Express, Vercel, and Python*

- Built a full-stack site with a currency converter, portfolio simulator, and exchange-rate predictor using an LSTM model.

**Freedom Butchers Project** | *Astro, Tailwind, ShadCN, Figma, Node.js, Express, and Vercel*

- Developed a full-stack application for a local business, enhancing their online presence with responsive design.

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member of **DePaul Computer Science Society**, **DePaul Math Club**, and **DePaul Chess Club**
- Member of **DePaul User Experience Association**
- Research Member of **DePaul Cloud Club**

Sep 2022 – Present

Jan 2024 – Present

Oct 2024 – Present