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EDUCATION

University of Central Florida, Burnett Honors College
Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering

Orlando, FL

August 2024 – May 2028

EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Learning Assistant August 2025 – Present
University of Central Florida Orlando, FL

- Leading **5+** weekly **C** programming help sessions and open office hours for **150+** students, diagnosing common pitfalls, fostering peer collaboration, and elevating assignment completion rates.
- Developing comprehensive **C** programming study guides with targeted challenges on data structures, pointers, and recursion, streamlining exam preparation and minimizing recurring errors.
- Conducting focused code-review workshops on efficiency, consistent styling, live debugging, and inline documentation, reaching **70%** of target students and instilling lasting best practices.

Software Engineering Associate June 2025 – Present
Kinkofa Dallas, TX

- Deploying and maintaining code for a media-heavy archival web app using **Next.js**, **Node.js**, and **React**, serving **500+** users with authentication and authorization through a CI/CD pipeline via **Vercel** and **Github**.
- Eliminated **90%** of redundant API calls by implementing a data provider caching strategy using **TypeScript** wrapper components across layout files.
- Reduced monthly hosting and bandwidth costs by approximately **70%** by improving an **AWS S3** media streaming pipeline by routing through a **Cloudflare** Worker and utilizing signed URLs instead of natively routing through **Vercel**.
- Instrumented **25+** custom user events across PostHog, Customer.io, and Google Analytics to provide the product team with data-driven UX insights and faster QA troubleshooting.

PROJECTS

SightSpeech | *Python, Flask, React, Next.js, JavaScript, Gemini API, OpenCV* September 2025

- Architected and delivered a full-stack assistive application for individuals with visual impairments using **Next.js/React** and **Flask** within a **36**-hour hackathon sprint.
- Engineered a real-time text-to-speech pipeline by scraping and parsing live video streams using **OpenCV** and **Gemini API**, enabling intuitive gesture- and voice-controlled accessibility features.
- Won **Best Use of Gemini API Award** from Major League Hacking, outperforming **110+** teams with an innovative AI-driven integration for language processing.

ASL Neural Network App | *Python, FastAPI, Jupyter Notebook, TensorFlow, OpenCV* July 2025 – Present

- Engineering a neural network capable of recognizing **25+** ASL signs with more than **90%** accuracy by leveraging MediaPipe for preprocessing and a custom **OpenCV + TensorFlow** pipeline for categorization.
- Integrating a live inference model into a **Python** full-stack app to convert gestures into text-to-speech, with projected reliability/confidence above **85%** and real-time troubleshooting metrics.
- Accelerated **OpenCV** data collection by **30%** via the creation a command line tool to streamline and automate capturing of **2500+** images per category.

EM Particle Simulator | *C++, SDL2, CMake* June 2025 – July 2025

- Engineered a high-performance custom 3D renderer in **C++/SDL2**, enabling dynamic mesh visualization under real-time physical forces.
- Facilitated accurate real-time computations for **100+** simultaneous meshes by strengthening simulation stability and precision by integrating a fourth-order Runge Kutta solver.
- Cut draw calls by **75%** and boosted FPS by **50%** through the use of backface culling, Z-buffer-based precomputed visibility, and merge-sort batching to streamline render pipeline.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Python, C++, TypeScript, C, Verilog, JavaScript, Java, MATLAB, SQL, C#, HTML, CSS

Frameworks: React, Node.js, Next.js, Flask, Django, FastAPI, TailwindCSS, Bootstrap

Developer Tools: Git, Amazon Web Services, Cloudflare, VS Code, Supabase, Excel, Vercel, Jupyter Notebook, CMake

Libraries: TensorFlow, OpenCV, SDL2, NumPy, Matplotlib, Pandas