

THOMAS KAAR

Software Engineer

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Education

California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo

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Bachelor's of Science in Computer Science

Programming Language Proficiencies and Technologies:

Typescript

Javascript

Node.js

Svelte

React

MongoDB

Python

MySQL

Java

Experience

08/2020 – Present

Yahoo! Finance Front End Software Engineer II

- Promoted From Software Engineer I after 1.5 years in the role
- Promoted From Associate Software Engineer in Winter 2021
- Collaborated with marketing to develop webpages for Yahoo Finance Subscriptions
- Transitioned finance.yahoo.com from React to Svelte
- Architected and led a full stack project handling CMS for live schedules at finance.yahoo.com/live managing product, design, and content production stakeholders
- Rebuilt Yahoo Finance Subscriptions and grew subscriptions 17% YoY growth after launch through A/B testing
- Leveraged existing internal technologies to architect a full stack solution for determining content paywall and registration walls
- Created personal finance tool designed with server side rendered React components

07/2019 – 09/2019

Yahoo! Front End Software Engineer Intern

- Decreased the Above the Fold Time for Yahoo News by eliminating superfluous TLS handshakes, analyzing waterfall diagrams, and merging style sheets
- Built reactive topic pages to dynamically reflect trending searches collaborating with full-time Product Managers, Backend Engineers, SEOs, and QA Engineers

04/2018 – 09/2018

Restvo Full Stack Software Engineer Intern

- Designed MongoDB schemas with Node.js' mongoose package
- Defined RESTful API routes with Express
- Cached data to maximize offline experience
- Implemented Typescript chat functionality using the Socket.io API
- Built front end pages following Wireframe specifications with Angular
- Shipped web code for Android, iOS, and desktop apps using Ionic and Electron

Other Experience and Projects

01/2025 – 05/2025

Nasdaqle – <https://nasdaqle.vercel.app>

- Svelte Front end, Node backend with MongoDB, deployed with Vercel
- Finance data sourced daily using puppeteer with web scraping

07/2024 – 08/2024

Twitter Haiku Bot - <https://github.com/ThomKaar/twitterPoems>

- [Node.js](https://node.js) cron job leveraging OpenAI API to make a haiku and post using the Twitter API