Vali Hameed

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Education

Lancaster University Sept 2024 – Present

- Computer Science BSc with Honours (Year 2) Expected First Class
- First Year Average 70%

Experience

Temporary Software Developer, DigbySwift - Leeds, ENG

June 2023

- Gained proficiency in **Dart** and **Flutter** by independently developing a **cross-platform mobile app** that allows users to search for movies/TV series and view details such as posters and release dates.
- Learned and implemented unit testing principles to verify code functionality and ensure software quality.
- Utilized **Git** and **GitHub** for version control, gaining hands-on experience with collaborative development workflows including branching and merging.
- Gained hands-on exposure to **Microsoft Azure** for hosting client websites and supporting business operations.

Projects

Tram Network Pathfinding Visualizer

- Engineered a desktop application in Java to calculate and visualize the shortest route between two stations on a tram network.
- Applied Object-Oriented Programming (OOP) principles to design a robust graph data structure, modeling stations, connections, and paths as distinct Java objects.
- Implemented classic search algorithms such as Dijkstra's and A* to efficiently determine the most optimal path based on connection weights.
- Managed data persistence and input by parsing network information from a data file (e.g., CSV or JSON) to dynamically construct the graph at runtime

2D Racing Game

- Directed a full-cycle project by **translating stakeholder requirements** into a functional design, implementing features through an **iterative SDLC**, and **incorporating user feedback** to ensure all success criteria were met
- **Developed a complete leaderboard feature**, which involved creating the UI to display ranked scores and implementing the file I/O logic to manage persistent high-score data.
- Developed a 2D top-down racing game in Python using the Pygame library, implementing core mechanics such as vehicle physics, pixel-perfect collision detection, and lap/time tracking.
- Applied Object-Oriented principles to model game entities, creating distinct classes for the player vehicle and track environment to encapsulate their unique properties and behaviors.

Portfolio Website

- Developed a performant and SEO-friendly personal portfolio by leveraging the Static Site Generation (SSG) capabilities of the Next.js framework.
- Implemented a fully responsive and modern UI using the utility-first approach of Tailwind CSS, ensuring a seamless user experience across all devices (desktop, tablet, and mobile).

Technical Skills

Languages: Java, Python, Dart, JavaScript, SQL

Frameworks/Libraries: Flutter, Next.js, Tailwind CSS, Pygame, Java Swing

Tools & platforms: Git/GitHub, Unit Testing, Docker