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EDUCATION

Cornell University, College of Computing & Information Science

Major: Computer Science | Minor: Data Science | GPA: 3.7

Ithaca, NY

Relevant Coursework: Analysis of Algorithms, Database Systems, Discrete Structures, Functional Programming, Language and Information, Machine Learning, OOP and Data Structures

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

MassMutual New York City, NY

Information Risk Consultant

August 2024 - May 2025

Expected Graduation: December 2026

- Designed Python-based analytics pipeline, leveraging machine learning to analyze EC2 node data and identifying fraud trends
- Developed automated vulnerability risk calculator on ServiceNow, increasing efficiency by 90%

Cyber Advisory Services Intern

May 2024 - August 2024

- Secured enterprise infrastructure by identifying and remediating 20,000+ vulnerabilities using Qualys and Wiz
- Advised 4 startups on enhancing their vulnerability management tools, providing tailored integration insights
- Delivered 10+ Center for Internet Security (CIS) compliance reports for MacOS 14 and Apache baselines

Cornell Mars Rover Ithaca, NY

Electrical Team

October 2023 - May 2025

- Designed essential PCBs for rover functionality using Eagle, ensuring precision in circuitry for rover operations
- Developed a Servo Board coordinating control of 12 servos tasked with functions from navigation to testing soil samples

Bloomberg L.P.

New York City, NY

Software Development Mentee

September 2022 - May 2023

- Engineered an app connecting charities with local volunteers, employing **XCode** to build scalable, high-performance **iOS** features
- Crafted interactive wireframes in Figma, translating complex UI/UX designs into reusable components
- Enhanced front-end responsiveness and optimized back-end API calls, achieving a 30% improvement in app load times

PROJECTS

FinSights: Investment Recommendation App

- Built backend recommendation engine using TF-IDF, cosine similarity, and SVD to match users queries with stock profiles
- Engineered dynamic allocation algorithm and applied Rocchio relevance feedback to personalize recommendations
- Incorporated social sentiment via beta-based volatility statistics scraped from external APIs to reflect community perspectives

Interactive Image Selection Tool

- Generated a smart snipping tool device that uses **Djikstra's** algorithm to locate subsequent points in an object's trace
- Integrated functionalities such as image transformation, region selection, and real-time updates to enhance user interaction

POOF Pothole Filling Robot

- Designed robot to autonomously repair road damage, programming VEX sensors with C++;
- Filled potholes using cold patch mixture, successfully testing robot's application precision on real-world surfaces
- Earned Procter & Gamble Technical Excellence Award for project's innovative contribution to local infrastructure solutions

LEADERSHIP & EXTRACURRICULAR EXPERIENCE

Women in Computing at Cornell (WICC)

Ithaca, NY

Social Co-Director

September 2024 - Present

- Organized 5+ events for 200+ CS students, fostering an inclusive community supporting women and gender minorities
- Developed initiatives to connect connect students with campus leaders and industry professionals, amplifying impact

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Languages: Java, Python, C++, JavaScript / TypeScript, HTML / CSS, SQL

Tools and Frameworks: Adobe Photoshop, Canva, Figma, GitHub, Google Suite, Jira, Linux, Qualys, Wiz **Certifications:** GIAC Foundational Cybersecurity Technologies (GFACT), Bloomberg Market Concepts

Activities: Cornell Sitara, Cornell Mars Rover, Women in Computing @ Cornell