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EDUCATION

Master of Information Technology and Management
Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL

Jan 2024 - May 2025
GPA 3.85/4.0

SKILLS

- **Development Languages and Frameworks:** Angular (v11-v16), ReactJS, React Native, HTML5, CSS3, Tailwind CSS, Bootstrap, Outsystems11, Node.js, Express.js
- **Programming Languages:** Java, Java Script, Type Script, MySQL, MongoDB, C Programming
- **Design Tools:** Figma
- **Tools:** Visual Studio Code, Git, NPM, Karma, Jasmine, Jira, Co-pilot, Eclipse, MATLAB, MS Office
- **Development Methodologies:** Agile, Scrum, Unit Testing

WORK EXPERIENCE

UI/UX Design Intern | Smart Rewards Inc, New York, USA

Dec 2024 – Present

- Assisting in designing and prototyping user interfaces for web and mobile applications using Figma.
- Building and maintaining React-based web components and user interfaces to enhance interactivity and responsiveness.
- Collaborating with developers to ensure seamless implementation of designs into functional web applications.

Professional Development Cohort Program, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL

July 2024 – Sept 2024

- Teamed up with a group of 6 and 1 mentor in association with career services of Illinois Tech to develop a comprehensive “PlanItNow” application applying React.js for the front-end and Django for the back-end.
- Improved the system to streamline event planning for organizers and allow collaborators to easily view event details, increasing efficiency by 40%.
- Involved in Agile/Scrum methodologies using Jira within a team of 7, actively participating in sprint planning sessions, daily stand-up meetings, and retrospectives.

Frontend Web Developer | Infosys, Hyderabad, India

Nov 2021 – Nov 2023

- Built responsive and interactive web applications with Angular (v11-v16), JavaScript, TypeScript, Bootstrap, HTML5, and CSS3 for client projects.
- Increased website performance by 40% with code optimization and implementation of best practices.
- Collaborated with back-end developers to integrate RESTful APIs, enhancing the functionality of front-end components by 60%.
- Worked with UX/UI designers to create user-friendly and visually appealing web pages.
- Conducted unit testing with Karma to ensure cross-browser compatibility and optimized performance by 20%.
- Engaged in Agile/Scrum development processes with teams of 15, contributing to sprint planning, daily stand-ups, and retrospective meetings.

PROJECTS

Payroll Management System, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL

Jan 2024 – May 2024

- Developed a Payroll Management System with React.js and MySQL, improving payroll processes, reporting, and system efficiency by 30% and 50%, respectively.
- Built an Employee Management System in Java, reducing data entry time by 30% and improving data retrieval speed by 40% with MySQL integration.

CERTIFICATIONS

- **Figma for UX Design:** LinkedIn Learning
- **HTML, CSS, and JavaScript for web developers course:** Johns Hopkins University through Coursera