Will Palaia

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Education

University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, MA

May 2026 (expected)

B.S. in Computer Science, GPA: 3.825/4.0

Coursework: Data Structures, Linear Algebra, Physics 1, Calculus 2

Littleton High School, Littleton, MA

September 2017 - June 2021

Coursework: AP Macroeconomics, AP Statistics, AP Physics C: Mechanics, AP Calculus AB, AP Computer Science A

GPA: 4.70/5 (weighted)

• SAT: 1440, Math: 760/800

Skills

Languages: Java, Python, JavaScript, HTML

Technologies: React, NodeJS, Git, AWS (ECS, EC2), Linux (Ubuntu), Docker, Kubernetes

Experience

Camp Tahattawan, Littleton, MA

June 2023 – August 2023

Camp Counselor - Python

Assisted technology specialist in developing new and interactive ways to teach kids the basics of computing

Minutemen Capital Management, Amherst, MA

February 2023 – September 2023

Quantitative Data Analyst - Python

- Currently going through strict curriculum to gain a strong fundamental background in equities, options, futures, currencies, fixed income securities, commodities, as well as data analytics/science, Python, etc.
- This is later used by joining a team and creating an algorithm from scratch, which will trade all types of securities.

BigBear.AI, Lexington, MA

June 2022 – August 2022

Junior Software Developer Intern (Full Stack Web Development and Data Engineering) - JavaScript, React, NodeJS

- Organized the development process for an application over a course of three two-week sprints
- Developed fully functioning and sellable Jira web application using Agile principles, hosted on AWS ECS
- Designed and integrated unit tests increased total app test coverage by 15%

US Soccer, Massachusetts Youth Soccer, Lancaster, MA

September 2017 – August 2022

Soccer Referee

- Officiated youth soccer games with players ranging from 6 to 18 years old
- Managed assistant referees, players, and coaches for multiple hours in a row in a high-stress environment

Teamworks, Acton, MA

June 2019 - September 2019

Summer Camp Counselor

- Supervised a group of 25 campers aged 6 to 12. Led group through personally developed activities and games
- Developed and organized an event for all 100 campers involving multiple teams and Olympic style activities

Projects

Stock Trading Prediction Web App, Python

December 2021

- Built web app which takes in raw data from a stock, analyzes the data, and produces graphs based on the data
- Predicts what the stock price will be and what the trends will look like in following years

Reddit Video Transcription Bot, Python, AWS EC2

August 2021

Developed Reddit bot that transcribes audio from video, launched on AWS EC2

InvitR Mobile App, Java

March 2019

• Developed app which allows users to invite people to a party, then allows invitees to RSVP with details

Activities/Interests

Google Developer Student Club @ UMass Amherst Association for Computing Machinery @ UMass Amherst Science Olympiad Captain @ LHS | Led team to States @ Harvard University Interests: Stock trading, poker, soccer, tennis, golf, drumming, video games September 2022 September 2022

March 2022