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Education

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (Computer Science)

Sep 2023 - May 2027

NJIT (Albert Dorman Honors College)

NEWARK, NJ

- Cumulative GPA: 3.8 (Fall 2023-Spring 2025)
- Relevant Coursework: Data Structures and Algorithms, Foundations of Computer Science I, Programming Language Concepts, Linear Algebra, Intro to Machine Learning

Awards and Honors

Dean's List
FALL 2023 - SPRING 2025

• 3rd Place, Google Solution Challenge 2025 - North America (HopeLinker)

MAY 2025

• Highest Total Raised and Highest Average Gift (NJIT Alumni Center)

DEC 2024

Skills

Languages: Python, Java, C++, JavaScript, Dart, HTML, SQL

Frameworks & Libraries: Pandas, NumPy, TensorFlow, NLTK, Gensim, FastAPI, BeautifulSoup, Streamlit, Flutter, JUnit, Next.js

Tools & Platforms: Docker, Git (Version Control), Firebase, VMware, Linux, Microsoft Power Automate, Microsoft Office Suite, MongoDB

Work and Research Experience

Project Lead (Research) Sep 2024 - Present

I-CORPS: ANALYZING FACTORS IN SECURING START-UP SUPPORT

NEWARK, NJ

- Led a research project analyzing regional-level team data with various ML (Machine Learning) models to uncover key start-up support factors
- · Built an NLP pipeline using Python (Pandas, NLTK, Gensim) to clean, preprocess and analyze demographic and text data
- Standardized datasets to extract linguistic and regional patterns that revealed factors driving start-up support

Technical Intern Jun 2025 - Jul 2025

AmiViz DUBAI, UAE

- Analyzed policies on CrowdStrike Falcon's EDR Platform to affirm regulatory compliance and make change recommendations
- Shadowed senior cybersecurity consultants to get an in-depth understanding of current security solutions offered in the market
- Automated a workflow in Microsoft Power Automate to receive and update employee review forms, increasing process efficiency

Projects

HopeLinker Feb 2025 - Present

- Developed a nonprofit-focused application using Flutter and Firebase to improve people's access to essential resources and services
- · Conducted user research through local outreach to ensure alignment with current needs while enhancing user experience
- Leveraged JavaScript, Dart, and HTML to implement interactive UI components and smooth transitions between app pages

SkillForge Sep 2024 - Dec 2024

- Developed a custom web scraper with BeautifulSoup to identify relevant courses and tutorials aligned with job description for automated skill-gap recommendations
- Built and deployed FastAPI endpoints to highlight missing resume skills in real time by integrating the Affinda API for document parsing and MongoDB for structured data storage.

Social Media Aggregator and Sentiment Analysis Application

Jul 2024 - Sep 2024

- Designed RESTful APIs in Flask to retrieve real-time sentiment data on celebrities from multiple social media platforms
- Built a SQLite-backed storage and retrieval system, enabling efficient querying and visualization through a Streamlit dashboard
- Implemented a sentiment analysis pipeline that utilizes transformer-based LLMs (Large Language Models) to process data