

# Alvin J. Zhang

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## Education

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

August 2020 - May 2024 (est.)

### *Relevant Coursework*

*B.S in Statistics and Computer Science*

Algorithms and Models of Computation, Data Structures, Discrete Structures, Computer Systems & Programming, Artificial Intelligence, Analog Signal Processing, Statistics and Probability I & II, Introduction to Computing

*Languages* — Python, C, C++, C#, Go, Javascript, Typescript, SQL (PostgreSQL, SQLite)

*Frameworks* — React.js, Next.js, Flask, Markdoc | *Front End Development* — HTML, CSS, Tailwind CSS, Blazor

*Technologies*— Selenium, Xunit, Git, Azure DevOps, AWS (S3, EC2)

## Work Experience

VertexGraph Inc. — Software Engineer Intern

Summer 2022

### *Full Stack Development*

- Developed an internal API in C# to manage deletion of files shared between users. Worked with Postgres DB and pgAdmin for this. Added async client functions to facilitate API calls from other repositories
- Improved Blazor components to be interactive and intuitive. Created a page to manage a user's two-factor auth
- Lead efforts on creating the product's documentation site, picked up Next.js, Typescript, and Markdoc quickly.
- Responsible for all of the web dev (component design, routing and styling.) Developed a dynamic and interactive multi tiered page navigation system. Smoothly integrated 6+ interns' documentation work into the application
- Agile development— completed projects ahead of schedule consistently, finished documentation site in 2 weeks
- Effective CI practices with Git, streamlined development+code reviews for the team, assisted other interns with Git

### *Software QA Testing*

- Wrote structured and comprehensive unit tests for individual product features and user flow using Xunit
- Utilized Azure DevOps efficiently to document repro steps, track bugs, and integrate 20+ fixes to the codebase

Quant Illinois — Quantitative Development

February 2022 - Present

### *Developer for Ceryx*

- Designed and implemented an internal Flask API that allows Quant members to interact with various brokers using a singular interface (Ex. Place buy/sell orders, get account P&L, etc using the Ceryx client).
- Secure authentication scheme by salting and hashing user info, also generating unique secrets to identify users
- Supports administrator/user access controls, as well as detailed logging of API requests by users

### *Developer for Plutus*

- Parallel processing of ticker data using Go in order to make Plutus, the project that backs up our data to AWS timestream databases, more efficient

## Personal Projects

Personal Portfolio Website

- Built with React.js and Tailwind CSS, hosted on GitHub Pages. Interactive elements and reusable design principles

TF2 Arbitrage Bot

- Multithreaded website scraping of backpack.tf using Selenium to grab listings data of an in-game item (since no API is available) and store them in a threadsafe priority queue. Arbitraged with profit margin being prioritized
- Estimated ~7.0s of time taken to load, scrape, and process data before sending trade offers

FilterTickers

- Utilized TwitterAPI to fetch and parse tweets which alert stocks with unusual options activity
- Made scatter plots with Matplotlib to visualize data and spot trends between options data and stock movement