# Kevin Vu

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#### Education

# University of Houston, Houston, TX

Aug 2020 - May 2024

• Bachelor of Management Information Systems (MIS), Software Development Track

## Skills & Technologies

Languages: TypeScript, JavaScript, Python, C#, Java, SQL

Frontend Development: React (Next.js, Vite), Tailwind CSS, Redux, shadcn/ui, Framer Motion, Three.js

Backend Development: Node.js, Express.js, Prisma, REST APIs, .NET, OAuth/JWT

Databases: PostgreSQL, Supabase, Cloud Firestore, Planetscale

DevOps & Deployment: Docker, GitHub Actions, Vercel, Google Cloud Platform

AI/LLM Integration: Google Gemini, OpenAI API

Testing & Tools: Jest, Postman

# Experience

#### Software Engineer, HawkHacks – Waterloo, ON

Aug 2023 - June 2024

- Developed a full-stack dashboard application with a respective landing page using **ReactJS**, **Node.js**, and **Firebase**, contributing to a **56%** increase in hackathon application submissions from **2022** to **2024**.
- Built **TypeScript** service functions to streamline querying **1,289** attendee applications in Firestore, enhancing data organization and flexibility.
- Collaborated with engineering team in the development of a secure RSVP system with QR code integration and digital wallet support, leading to high attendee check-in rate with **900 unique RSVPs and 2500 scans**.
- Redesigned and optimized **React TypeScript** components with **Tailwind CSS** through close collaboration with the design team via **Figma**, improving interface usability and aesthetics.

#### UI/UX Developer (Part-Time), Spiritual Care Network – Houston, TX

Jan 2024 – May 2024

- Optimized and designed website UI/UX through landing page, information pages, and forms using **Wix CMS** to accommodate for accessibility, readability, and consistency inline with the organization's visual appeal.
- Regularly presented and directed design changes to upper management to unify the higher level strategic goals of the organization with the low level technical goals of the design team.

# Projects & Leadership

## Arclify - Founder & Lead Developer

Jan 2025 - Present

- Engineered and deployed a Discord-based app using **TypeScript**, **Discord.js**, and **Google Gemini**, automating API-driven user data management, cutting processing time from **hours to seconds**.
- Implemented efficient caching strategies to **prevent rate-limiting** when fetching data for server casting, leading to improved system reliability by **reducing delays and request throttling**.
- Designed a secure, scalable **PostgreSQL** database using **Supabase** with Row-Level Security (RLS), **reducing** server-side latency by 30%.
- Led a team of 4 developers to build frontend **React** components and backend features, utilizing **Kanban** methodologies to streamline project execution.

#### Personal Site

Jan 2023 - Present

• Built an interactive portfolio with **Next.js** and **Framer Motion**, incorporating audio/visual elements.

#### ShopSentry

Jan 2023 – Dec 2023

- Developed a **Python**-based stock checker and notifier for tracking in-demand retail products, automating product tracking and notifications for an improved shopping experience.
- Utilized BeautifulSoup and EmailMessage for web-scraping and real time availability checking via email.