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EDUCATION

Columbia University

Master of Science in Computer Science (GPA: 4.0/4.0)

New York, NY

Sep. 2024 – Anticipated May 2025

University of Wisconsin - Madison

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science + Data Science (GPA: 3.8/4.0)

Madison, WI

Sep. 2020 – Dec. 2023

EXPERIENCE

Software Engineer Intern, Northern Trust

Chicago, IL

June 2023 – August 2023

- Developed and optimized algorithms in **Java and C++** to enhance the computational efficiency of NT's Goals Driven Wealth Management platform, leading to an 8% increase in transaction processing speed.
- Implemented and fine-tuned **RESTful APIs using Spring Boot** for efficient data communication within investment reporting trade model microservices, achieving a 15% enhancement in data processing efficiency.
- Streamlined cloud service deployment with **C++** to automation resource allocation, resulting in a more efficient update cycle and a 12% reduction in deployment time.
- Architected and executed complex **SQL queries and data models in Snowflake**, leveraging advanced data analysis and processing skills to accelerate data extraction for investment reporting by 30%, supporting swift data-driven decisions.

Software Developer Intern, Rockitcoin

Chicago, IL

August 2022 – March 2023

- Revamped Rockitcoin's user authorization interface for mobile and web platforms using **TypeScript with React**, elevating security and usability, resulting in a 20% increase in user retention rate.
- Designed intuitive user interfaces for a user base of over 8,000 using **TypeScript with React**, focusing on user-friendly design and efficient real-time data interaction, leading to a 35% improvement in user satisfaction.
- Improved UI rendering speed by 10% through debouncing in **React**, effectively limiting API requests from text fields.
- Adopted **HashMap** data structures for efficient frontend user data management, achieving a 20% improvement in data retrieval speeds.

Full Stack Developer Intern, UNFCU

New York, NY

May 2022 – August 2022

- Enhanced the dynamic saving rate recommendation page using **JavaScript, HTML, CSS, and PHP**, boosting savings account enrollment by 3%.
- Utilized the **Next.js** framework to architect and deploy intuitive entry pages, streamline navigation, and cohesively convey company culture, culminating in a measurable 30% uplift in customer satisfaction rate.
- Implemented **Python** scripts to automate loan document data extraction, enabling efficient keyword retrieval and streamlining team operations, leading to a 30% faster deployment cycle.
- Maintained **SQL** databases with over 150,000+ entries, creating an infrastructure for real-time reporting of key metrics like customer satisfaction, annual revenues, and sales retention rates, providing valuable insights to stakeholders.

PROJECTS

ACM Algorithm

Spring 2023

- Crafted a **React**-driven interface featuring secure JWT and OAuth user authentication, customizable settings for personalized user experiences, and intuitive features like drag-and-drop code snippets and live syntax checking
- Developed a robust back-end in **Python and Django**, incorporating Django REST Framework for efficient API management and advanced data encryption for enhanced security. Implemented features for real-time user progress tracking and automated code evaluation, ensuring a scalable and responsive platform.
- Developed a real-time algorithm visualization tool using **D3.js and WebSocket in JavaScript**, enabling users to visually track and understand data structures and algorithm flows, significantly improving the coding learning process.

Weather Stream Analytic

Nov. 2023

- Developed a **Kafka-based** system for real-time weather data collection, ensuring data integrity through exactly-once message processing and optimizing for high-throughput and scalable analytics.
- Utilized **Spark Streaming** for efficient data processing from Kafka streams, generating key weather statistics and datasets for predictive modeling.
- Developed and trained a **Decision Tree Classifier using Spark**, focusing on rain prediction. This included managing the end-to-end data pipeline, from feature engineering to model deployment for real-time forecasting.

Five Course Bird Feeder

Spring 2023

- Developed a responsive front-end Interface using **TypeScript with React**, fascinating user interactions through live and recorded video streaming of the user's bird feeder.
- Implemented a versatile backend **Spring Boot API** supporting dynamic bird feeding schedules, user profile management, and real-time streaming of bird feeder cameras, enhancing user engagement and interactive experience.
- Integrated ML and image labeling techniques using **Python (Tensorflow)** to analyze bird visitation patterns, generating insightful statistics on bird species, frequency of visits, and visitation times displayed through interactive graphs and tables.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming Languages: Java, C/C++, Python, R, SQL, JavaScript, TypeScript

Frameworks and Libraries: React, Vue, Spring Boot

Tools and Technologies: HTML, CSS, Cassandra, Kafka, Spark, Snowflake, Firebase, Redis, NodeJS, Docker, Kotlin