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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia, PA

M.S.E. in Computer Graphics and Game Technology

Aug 2022 - May 2024

Relevant Coursework: Natural Language Processing, Cryptography, Engineering Entrepreneurship

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

State College, PA

B.S. in Computer Science

Aug 2019 - May 2022

GPA: 3.830/4.000; Honors: Cum Laude

Relevant Coursework: Systems Programming, Machine Learning & AI, Database Management

EXPERIENCE

FRANKLIN DAO

Philadelphia, PA

Blockchain Developer, Development Committee

Sep 2023 - Present

- FranklinDAO is a decentralized autonomous organization (DAO) founded by University of Pennsylvania students
- Building MEV arbitrage bot on FranklinDAO's Community Ethereum Node w/ Solidity and Typescript

PENN BIOTECH 3D FABRICATION LAB

Philadelphia, PA

3D Printing Lab Intern

Jun 2023 – Present

Providing a robust 3D printing service (SLA, FDM, MicroFab) for researchers at Penn's Medical, Veterinary, Dental schools

APPIAN CORPORATION

McLean, VA

Software Engineer Intern

Jun 2021 - Aug 2021

- Worked on an agile team of 10 that developed resilient services in Java, using Apache Kafka and Zookeeper
- Repurposed Grafana dashboards to display Prometheus times series' for new Kubernetes sites
- Won Intern Hackathon: built-in image search for UI Builder + OpenCV native image effect API (Django)

LOCKHEED MARTIN / NITTANYAI

State College, PA

Research Intern

Aug 2020 - Jan 2021

- Worked on a team of 6 to research and deploy drone rescue simulation environments in AirSim
- Developed an *OpenCV Python* application allowing simulated drones to parse LiDAR point cloud data

ABC FITNESS

Dallas, TX

Software Engineer Intern

Jun 2020 - Aug 2020

- Used NLTK sentiment classifier to handle gym member freeze requests during COVID-19 Pandemic
- Developed a Python API (*Django*) to allow integration of ML model into automated pipeline

PROJECTS + VENTURES

SENTGEN: Grammar-Based Sentence Generator | aykae.com/compling

Aug 2023

Procedural sentence generator written in *Python*, hosted on *AWS Lambda*; based on Prof. Hayes' phrase structure rules

STARBOX: Decorative Animated LED Signs | aykae.com/starbox

Nov 2022 - Feb 2023

Decorative desk accessory that displays procedurally generated star patterns using an LED matrix and *MicroPython*

EASYA: Spaced-Recall iOS Study App | avkae.com/easya

Aug 2020 - Present

- Published to App Store (7.5K installs) under our ed-tech company Tryber Inc.
- Designed and developed the app with Swift: UIKit, Alamofire, iOSMath
- Developed a REST API with *Django*, deployed to *AWS EC2*, *S3 buckets* for media storage

SKILLS + INVOLVEMENT

Technical Skills: Python, Java, Solidity, Swift, Django, C++, Git, AWS, Fusion 360, CircuitPython

Orgs: Developer for FranklinDAO; Contributing Writer for Fenjan Magazine; Social Media Editor for Onward State

Languages: Native in English; Conversational in Arabic, French; Beginner in Mandarin