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EDUCATION

Clark University: Worcester, MA

Masters of Fine Arts in Interactive Media

Brown University: Providence, RI

Bachelors of Science in Applied Mathematics

Work Experience

Elsewhere October 2024 - Current

Game Programmer (contract)

o Game programming for a new multiplayer web-based card game. Tools: React, Colyseus. Game is unreleased.

Partly December 2024 - Current

Software Engineer (contract)

o Contributing to Partly, a platform that enables fractional work for tech companies. Tools: Vue, Django.

Zelma June 2024 - August 2024

Software Engineer (part time)

o Contributed to zelma.ai, an AI tool for querying American student test data. Tools: NextJs, OpenAI.

Benchling Apr 2020 - Feb 2024

Software Engineer

San Francisco, CA • Web development: Implemented full-stack features for Benchling, a platform that accelerates Life Sciences R&D.

- Project lead: Co-led cross-team projects for building new data analysis product features.
- Guilds: Participated in Design Systems and Product Analytics guilds, contributing to guidelines and code reviews.
- Mentor: Acted as an onboarding mentor for new engineers on my team.
- Platform improvements: Independently drove several organization-wide developer experience improvements.

Bard College Citizen Science

Sept 2019 - May 2020

Aug 2024 - Current

Sep 2015 - May 2019

Software Engineer

Annandale-on-Hudson, NY

• Built an application for faculty and students to record, analyze, and manage image-based scientific water sample data.

Brown University

Jun - Dec 2018 Providence, RI

Head Teaching Assistant - Computing Foundations: Data

- o Course development: Developed assignments for a new introductory Computer Science course at Brown.
- Leadership: Co-led a team of undergraduate teaching assistants.
- Student feedback: Received very positive feedback from students. Written feedback available upon request.

Brown Outdoor Leadership Training

Jan 2017 - May 2019

Mentor, Trip Leader, Manager

Providence, RI

o Led backpacking trips, mentored new leaders, and organized trips for 180+ students.

LIGO Scientific Collaboration, Louisiana State University

Jun - Aug 2016

Research Experiences for Undergraduates Student Intern

Baton Rouge, LA

Projects

Ouroboros: Building a 1st person rogue-like shooter game in studio class at Clark. Tools: Godot/C#, Blender, Substance Painter. Personal responsibilities: Player movement, VFX, weapons and upgrades systems, UI/UX, 3D art assets.

Downup: Built and maintain a hobby website (downup.app) for communities to do goal-oriented challenges together. The December 2023 challenge totaled 37,000 collective pushups! Stack: Next.js, Postgres, Redis, Twilio.

Brown University Grading App: Wrote software and a web application to manage assignment hand-in and grading for computer science courses at Brown, used by over 500 students in three different courses. Stack: Flask, JQuery.

Exosim: Exoplanet simulator (exosim.netlify.com). Shows stars' light graphs as planets obscure them. Stack: P5.js.

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Programming Languages: Python, Typescript, C#, C++, Java, Scala, MATLAB, GLSL, HTML, CSS.

Frameworks: React, Vue, GCP, Flask, Django, Postgres, GraphQL, three.js, Git, Docker, p5.js, jQuery, LATEX.

3D Modeling & Game Development: Maya, Blender, Unity, Houdini, Godot, Substance Painter, Unreal Engine.

Languages: English (native), Portuguese (advanced), German (beginner).