

# Bertrand Rusanganwa

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**Programming Languages:** ,Python, Java, JavaScript, C++, HTML, CSS, SQL

**Frameworks:** React, FastAPI, Spring Boot, Spring MVC, Dash, Plotly, scikit-learn, LangChain

**Technologies:** Git, Docker, PostgreSQL, Playwright, Tesseract OCR, WebSockets, asyncio, Pydantic, PyAudio

## EDUCATION

Missouri State University (MSU): Springfield, MO

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Minor in Mathematics and IT Cyber Security *Expected Graduation: May 2026*

- Dean's List: Fall 2023, Spring 2024
- GPA: 3.4

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Missouri State University**

**August 2023–Present**

*Resident Assistant- Residence life Department*

*Springfield, MO*

- Successfully coordinated over 35 residents annually through community engagement initiatives.
- Fostered inclusive community with effective communication to boost resident satisfaction.
- Implemented strategic communication strategies to enhance community engagement.

**Rwanda Space Agency**

**May 2023 - July 2023**

*Student Intern- SDE Intern for Geospatial Data Hub — Front-End*

*Kigali, Rwanda*

- Refactored frontend modules to cut page load time by 20%, improving responsiveness of the Geospatial Data Hub for Earth-observation (EO) analyses.
- Delivered UI features end-to-end with the software team (requirements, implementation, integration) to support SDG-focused data exploration.
- Promoted code quality with linting, code-review checklists, and consistent styling; collaborated with cross-functional stakeholders to triage usability issues and prioritize fixes.

## PROJECTS

**BEARCHAT | University QA Chatbot** | (Python, FastAPI, LangChain, vLLM/Ollama, FAISS)

**2025**

- Rewrites queries, retrieves with BM25 + vector, reranks results, generates grounded answers, cites sources, and streams tokens in real time.
- Fast API backend with typed endpoints for a React Native client; local model served via vLLM/Ollama with optional web-LLM fallback; tracing and retrieval evals on a golden set, plus rate limits and auth
- Ingests web (Requests/BS4, Playwright) and OCR'ed PDFs; layout-aware chunking + metadata; FAISS embeddings in per-tenant namespaces.

**J.A.R.V.I.S Voice AI Assistant Project** | (Python, PyAudio, LangChain)

**2024**

- Built a low-latency speech-to-speech assistant that captures 16-kHz PCM with PyAudio, streams to ElevenLabs Realtime for ASR/TTS, and responds with natural turn-taking
- Designed an asynchronous audio pipeline with asyncio tasks, ring/jitter buffers, and optional VAD to keep capture, send, and playback smooth under load.
- Shipped a FastAPI service using LangServe and instrumented it with LangSmith traces and evaluations; added prompt-regression tests and a one-command CLI demo for fast local runs.

**StockVision AI tool** | (Python, Dash, SVR, Plotly)

**2024**

- Created an interactive app that allows users to view and forecast stock prices using real-time data with easy-to-understand charts
- Designed interactive charts with Plotly, enabling users to explore AI-driven stock predictions and confidence intervals in a dynamic interface
- Applied GridSearchCV to optimize SVR hyperparameters, achieving a highly accurate prediction model for stock closing prices

## LEADERSHIP/CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

**East African Student Association(EASA)**

**March 2023 - Present**

*Vice president*

*Springfield, MO*

- Doubled operating budget within one semester; coordinated sponsors and campus partners
- Acted as a liaison between the student body and university administration, advocating for EASA students.