Carlos Catala

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EDUCATION

University of Central Florida

May 2028

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science | GPA: 3.7

Orlando, FL

EXPERIENCE

Software Engineering Intern

 $Jun\ 2025 - Aug\ 2025$

ZuLeris Interactive

Orlando, FL

- Implemented a Notification Manager with auto-generated UI and FIFO queue, reducing notification bugs by 75%.
- Developed an ObjectiveManager with 10+ ObjectiveData assets and event-driven completion, cutting manual tracking effort by 80% and automating player updates.
- Abstracted game-mode lifecycle via IGameModeManager, refactoring 2 managers and the loader to slash maintenance time by 60% and support 3 new modes without changes.

Software Engineering Intern

Apr 2025 – Jun 2025

University of Central Florida

Orlando, FL

- Built a web app using AI to monitor student performance and growth across a database of 40,000+ students.
- Reduced data query times by 45% through backend optimizations and caching strategies.
- Collaborated with advisors to design dashboards that surface at-risk students, improving intervention timing and success.

Software Engineering Intern

Jun 2024 – Aug 2024

Crowning Games

Dallas, TX

- Developed new characters for an RPG game, enhancing user experience and receiving positive feedback from 75 players during open-play testing.
- Led weekly **SCRUM** meetings for team task coordination, in on-time deliveries and team productivity.
- Optimized game performance, reducing load times by 30% and improving rendering for smoother gameplay.

Software Engineering Intern

Jun 2023 - Aug 2023

 $Miami\ EdTech$

Miami, FL

- Led a **4-developer** team researching STEM education kit integration in schools, that supported a program reaching **500+** students.
- Improved image classifier accuracy by increasing precision 20% and recall 10%.
- Developed instructional content to help students and teachers effectively use STEM kits in classrooms.

PROJECTS

Riffs | React, Tailwind, TypeScript, Pitchy

April 2025

- Created a react-based web app that transcribes hummed melodies into guitar tabs, with a Guitar Hero-style interface for editing and playing, improving users learning of the guitar.
- Used Pitchy and FL Studio for pitch detection and real-time tab generation.
- Implemented dynamic tab rendering using canvas-based fretboard components and state-driven audio mapping.

kmodo.org | Typescript, NextAuth, Drizzle, PostgreSQL, Tailwind, React

Jan 2025 – May 2025

- Built a full-stack hackathon management platform used by 100+ participants for registration and judging.
- Deployed to a Linux VPS using CI/CD workflows and domain routing via Coolify.
- Integrated protected routes, email verification, and session management using NextAuth for secure user flows.

SightSync | Python, OpenCV, Mediapipe, PyAutoGUI, SpeechRecognition, Tkinter

March 2025

- Developed an assistive desktop tool using eye tracking and voice control to aid users with physical disabilities.
- Integrated real-time gaze detection and mouse control using Mediapipe and OpenCV.
- Added voice-triggered command parsing with natural language matching to handle clicks, typing, and scrolling.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Python, Java, TypeScript, JavaScript, C#, C, C++, HTML, CSS

Libraries/Frameworks: React, Tailwind CSS, tRPC, Next.js, Node.js, Selenium, OpenCV, Mediapipe, PyAutoGUI Developer Tools: Git, Unity, Prisma, Vercel, Docker, PostgreSQL, Coolify, Godot, IntelliJ, VS Code, Supabase