

# Christian Armstrong

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## EDUCATION

**Brown University** | *A.B. Computer Science*

*Expected Graduation May 2025*

- QuestBridge Scholar: selected as one of 1,400 finalists nationwide to receive a full-ride scholarship for first-generation, low-income, high-achieving students.
- Won "Best First Time Hack" at Hack Harvard 2022, out of the 500 hackers, by developing an innovative browser game.
- **Relevant Coursework:** Computer Systems \ Software Engineering \ Computer Architecture \ Data Structures & Algorithms \ Cryptographic Systems

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Brown University** | *Teaching Assistant*

*Dec 2022 – Present*

- Helped students understand proof-writing, logic, set theory, graph theory, combinatorics, and probability.
- Wrote and revised handouts, lecture slides, and supplemental material.

**Full Stack @ Brown** | *Product Manager*

*Sep 2022 – Present*

- Currently leading a team of 4 to redesign Brown University's course review website used by 8,000+ students.
- Implemented GitHub project boards, git branches, weekly meetings, and a team Slack channel.
- Set up Firebase Authentication and Realtime Database.

## EXTRACURRICULARS

**Blockchain @ Brown** | *Vice President*

*Sep 2022 – Present*

- Organized recruiting events with Unstoppable Domains and Dexterity Capital.
- Coordinated panels with Ava Labs, Shima Capital, and Evernew Capital.

**Brown Applied Computing** | *Hackathon Coordinator*

*Sep 2022 – Present*

- Arranged for the transportation and reimbursement of Brown University's Hackathon team (20 members).

## PROJECTS

**NFL Betting Web App**

*React, TypeScript, Java, CSS*

- Fetched, filtered, and sent JSON data through asynchronous REST API calls between internal and external servers.
- Dynamically updated a webpage based on the results of API calls, showing NFL matches for the current week, including their point/score and money-line betting odds.

**Search Engine**

*Python*

- Engineered a program that ranks XML pages based on keyword relevance and backlink authority.
- Implemented PageRank, Term Frequency, and Inverse Document Frequency algorithms.
- Sacrificed space efficiency for constant time search results through preprocessing.

**Caching**

*C*

- Reduced the runtime of read and write system calls 100x by temporarily storing segments of files in DRAM before writing them back into the Hard Disk Drive.

**Memory Allocation Debugger**

*C++*

- Wrote a debugger to catch common memory programming errors (e.g., freeing the same block twice, trying to allocate too much memory, etc.).

**Connect 4 AI**

*ReasonML*

- Simulated artificial intelligence using the Minimax algorithm, observing 4 playable moves ahead.
- Reduced runtime by 450% through Alpha-Beta Pruning.

## SKILLS & INTERESTS

**Programming Languages:** Python \ Java \ TypeScript \ HTML \ CSS \ JavaScript \ C \ C++

**Frameworks & Libraries:** React \ Firebase \ Docker \ Figma \ NumPy \ Node.js \ Unix \ Linux

**Interests:** Basketball \ Martial Arts \ Rock Climbing \ Podcasts \ Tea \ Rap \ Venture Capital \ Entrepreneurship