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EDUCATION

Georgia Institute of Technology

Atlanta, GA

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science; GPA: 4.0/4.0

Expected Graduation: May 2027

Relevant Coursework: Data Structures & Algorithms, Computer Architecture, Differential Equations, Multivariable Calculus, Intro UI Design

EXPERIENCE

Student IT/Web Engineer

Jan 2025 – Present

Georgia Tech College of Sciences

Atlanta, GA

- Maintained official academic websites for several departments such as the *School of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences* and *Southeast Center for Mathematics and Biology* using **Drupal CMS, PHP, WSL, Docker, and DDEV**
- Supported University Computing Services as a part-time student worker, providing IT and web support for College of Sciences academic and research personnel
- Fulfilled general IT requests through Georgia Tech's RT **ticketing and issues system**, streamlining the **CI/CD pipeline** to preserve uninterrupted faculty workflow

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Jan 2025 – Present

Rahnev Lab, Georgia Tech College of Sciences

Atlanta, GA

- Led an independent project in collaboration with Herrick Fung studying **computational bases of human visual perception**, low-level sensory uncertainty, and processes of estimating decision confidence
- Constructed and analyzed performance of variable-depth **convolutional neural networks (CNNs)** to replicate human visual processing
- Developed **statistical models** to distill differences between artificial and human responses to visual stimuli (e.g. Gabor patches) and differing mechanisms of **Bayesian confidence reporting**

Software Developer

Nov 2024 – Present

Hexlabs, Inc.

Atlanta, GA

- Maintained authentication and database components for HackGT registration pipeline, integrated **REST API endpoints** with **MongoDB** and **PostgreSQL**, and developed efficient system design capable of handling **2,500+ participants** at HackGT events
- Collaborated with Design, Operations, and Marketing teams to effectively deploy websites for the organization's workflow for HackGTeen 2025 and HackGT Archive

PROJECTS

Floracosm | *React, Microsoft Azure, SQL Server, Typescript, Express, JWT, Stripe*

Jul 2023 – Present

- Created production-quality fullstack climate research crowdfunding website using **React, Express, Microsoft SQL Server, and integrated payments with Stripe**, all deployed on **Microsoft Azure App Service**
- Implemented custom **JWT authentication system**, SMTP email verification, custom API error boundaries, and efficient data structures for securely handling **high-frequency web traffic**.

Pixelterm | *Python, NumPy, Git*

Jan 2024 – Jun 2024

- Created blazingly fast **RGB-ASCII graphics rendering framework** in Python for rendering images, videos, and graphical games in the command line
- Achieved over **200% rendering optimizations** by implementing **frame buffers with NumPy vectorization**
- Published package on PyPI with **strongly-typed** outward facing API and comprehensive docstrings, gaining **1,300+ downloads**

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Python, Rust, Java, Typescript, Javascript, C++, C#, HTML/CSS

Frameworks: ReactJS, NumPy, PyTorch, Node.js, MongoDB, PostgreSQL, Stripe, Tauri, Electron, Tensorflow.js, Express, Tailwind CSS, shadcn/ui, Chakra UI

Technologies: Microsoft Azure, SQL Server, REST APIs, JWT, Git, WSL, Docker, Full-Stack Development, Deep Reinforcement Learning, UI/UX Design

Awards: MIT Battlecode 2025 Finalist, 5x AIME Qualifier