

# DAVID WARD

## Software Developer

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## EXPERIENCE

### Full Stack Web Developer

#### Layers Media

July 2022 – Dec 2022

- Worked on a monolithic Rails MVC social media web app
- Deployed 1-2 features/bug fixes per week in a fast paced, highly independent work environment
- Contributed to models with extensive data validation and unit testing and added to controllers and views with integration testing
- Improved integrity of code base by eliminating inconsistent failing tests by determining root cause to be due to data generation library, Faker, and sample size constraints
- Methodically debugged front end Stimulus.js controllers, Tailwind CSS issues, CSS media queries, video processing jobs via sidekiq worker tasks, and browser/mobile specific issues
- Contributed modular front end components using .html.erb partials
- Utilized scopes to filter data based on business logic
- Chose architecture for tagging feature and implemented fluid UI using Stimulus.js

## PROJECTS

### Blog Clone

ruby on rails, .erb, heroku, postgresql, html/css

Jan 2023 – Jan 2023

- Full stack MVC blog clone to display aptitude in the following: inviting interfaces, user authentication, data validation, unit/functional testing, and CI/CD workflows

### Protein Domain Annotations Database SPA (Lab Volunteer)

angular, typescript, c#, entity framework core, azure sql

Jan 2022 – May 2022

- Open source, full stack MVC web app using separation of concerns
- Angular was used for the client side and C# for the back end with object relational mapping to communicate with the data layer
- The front end is deployed on a remote server, the back end on Azure App Services, and the database on Azure SQL Server
- The app enables novel analysis for bioinformatics researchers' by compiling non-uniform protein data from many databases

### GPU Enabled Protein Conformational Sampling (Lab Volunteer)

python, numpy, pycuda, cuda c/c++

Sep 2020 – Dec 2021

- Developed boilerplate app to run patented molecular dynamics simulation in parallel on GPUs using PyCUDA/CUDA framework
- Refactored legacy, hard coded C++ structural protein input parsers into OOP generated, scalable, strongly typed data structures
- Presented in semesterly research and literature talks/seminars

## EDUCATION

### B.S. Computer Science

California State University Northridge

Aug 2018 – Dec 2021

Senior Project research project published in 2022 IEEE International Conference on ML and Applications Conference:

- Project used ML to predict fires with 93% accuracy from raw geospatial image data
- Data preprocessing engineer, web developer, and project manager
- Co-led initiative to increase spatial granularity of analysis regions by a factor of 60 by sub-setting data into counties using image masking
- Created SPA map to visualize past spatiotemporal fire data using D3.js and GeoJSON data
- Presented in senior design showcase

## SKILLS

Proficient: C++ Python

Moderate proficiency: Rails Javascript

Java C ORM Unit testing

Functional testing Git C#

HTML/CSS

Familiar: Agile Angular React

## AWARDS

- IEEE ICMLA Conference Research Paper
- CSU LSAMP Program Recognizing Outstanding Undergraduate Distinction Award for outstanding research in STEM
- CSUN AI Jam – Summer Accelerator program offer (\$15,000 total group comp) Presentation 2019
- Best Science Poster : SMC Global Citizenship (\$1000 group prize) 2016

## PARTICIPATION

- Mentor to 10 CSUN Students via Mentor Collective 2022
- Raspberry Pi/Pico Hobby Projects 2022
- Hackathon : Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology 2021
- CSUN Accessibility Hackathon 2018
- Independent Study: Built Hand Powered Centrifuge with Partner 2016