Derek Ni

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EDUCATION

Cornell University Ithaca, NY

B.S. Computer Science, Minor in UX; GPA: 4.064; Tau Beta Pi Honor Society

Expected May 2023

Courses: Algorithms, Functional Programming, Operating Systems, Database Systems, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Web Applications, Discrete Structures, Backend Development, Probability & Statistics

WORK EXPERIENCE

Asana | React New York, NY

Software Engineer Intern

May 2022 – August 2022

- Built a typeahead for Asana custom field selectors, which currently support 300+ options
- Designed new components, improved existing ones, and iterated changes under a feature flag
- Discussed with tech leads and wrote documentation on improving core components

Fizz (YC S21) | Flutter, Firebase

New York, NY

Jan 2022 - May 2022

- Software Engineer Intern
 - Backed by Kleiner Perkins, SV Angel, A*, etc.
 - Developed a backend Firestore database to handle credit card and repayment logic
 - Created webhook using Apto API to handle updating the backend for transaction updates
 - Connected backend to mobile app and added Firebase event tracking using Flutter

Amazon | Java Seattle, WA SDE Intern May 2021 – Aug 2021

- Redesigned and improved an API for getting messages with the Alexa Messaging Service
- Implemented encrypted pagination tokens for paging through messages with the redesigned API

Tesla | React Native, Python

Palo Alto, CA

Mobile Engineer Intern

Feb 2021 - May 2021

- Developed and improved components using React Native in the Tesla mobile app
- Created simulator to test code endpoints using Flask, Python, and WebSockets

PROJECTS

Ascii Stream | IvyHacks 2nd Overall | NextJS, WebRTC, Python

- Video call web app that converts video to ASCII art to save bandwidth
- Implemented with WebRTC for real time text and audio communication between users
- Deployed as Next.js web app to Vercel, with Python script to convert video frames to ASCII art

MCAT Bot | Puppeteer, Twilio, AWS

- Bot to track MCAT test location openings to sign up for contested locations
- Hosted on EC2 instance and sends texts and calls through Twilio for updates

Minto | React, Chrome

- Chrome extension to incentivize productivity through rewards
- Customizable timers to track minutes worked, which users can spend on rewards they create
- Includes website blocking while working, native notification settings, and to-do lists

SKILLS

Languages: Python, TypeScript/JavaScript, Java, Dart, C#, Swift, OCaml, HTML/CSS, and SQL **Tools**: React, Git, Visual Studio Code, Firebase, Flutter, Eclipse, XCode, and Jupyter Notebook