

# Gavin D. Milligan

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## EDUCATION

University of California, Irvine

B.S. in Software Engineering

Graduating in March 2026

- **Courses:** Java Programming, C++ Programming, Data Structures & Algorithms, Design and Analysis of Algorithms, Computer Architecture, Computational Linear Algebra, Software Testing, Boolean Logic & Discrete Mathematics

## EXPERIENCE & LEADERSHIP

NinjaTrader (Acquired by Kraken)

Chicago, IL

Software Engineer Intern

May 2025 - July 2025

- Used Playwright with an MCP server to scan and standardize DOM structures, create reusable maps, and validate user credentials and financial workflows
- Created an automated workflow leveraging AI that generates test cases for new PRs by aggregating context from internal systems, reducing DevOps effort from **1 hour** of manual work to under **2 minutes** with low-cost AI agent calls
- Contributed robust, general-purpose, internal tools with a simple model view controller architecture in ExpressJS

Myfye.com

Irvine, CA

Technical Cofounder, Full Stack, Cybersecurity, Blockchain

February 2024 - September 2025

- Created a secure banking application, focused on blockchain abstraction and tokenized RWAs, such as U.S. Treasury bills and stocks (Apple, Google, etc.), securing a win and **\$10,000** prize at the Solana Colosseum Hackathon
- Developed sponsored transactions by creating a transaction object, sending it to a secure backend for signing, and then back to the frontend to be signed again by the users' embedded wallet, eliminating fees for users
- Optimized transactional processing latency by engineering a high-performance system for atomic data exchange, achieving an average **0.9-second**, independently verifiable, and final data commit on a distributed ledger
- Built a deposit and withdrawal service using Paypal, Privy and Coinbase Onramp

Blockchain At UCI

Irvine, CA

Technical Lead

June 2023 - May 2025

- Engineered the architecture for a secure rental marketplace, securing a victory at the EthDenver '25 hackathon
- Managed open source GitHub repositories by assigning tasks, approving pull requests, and overseeing branch management for a team of **12** developers, after conducting over **30** technical interviews and selecting the best

Coder School

Irvine, CA

Code Coach

August 2024 - January 2025

- Taught *Python, C++ and HTML/CSS* to students grades 1-10, creating lesson plans to match their skill levels and provided 1:1 support to address challenges and improve understanding

## PROJECTS

FinFriend.com | Swift, Java, React, Bitcoin, Cybersecurity

October 2022 - August 2023

- Built a create-your-own-currency platform for **iOS, Android**, and the **web** that has made over **\$1,000** in revenue and has seen over **100** currencies launched
- Engineered a digital asset exchange with advanced computer science techniques that has traded **\$5,000** in volume

Bitcoin Node | Linux, Bitcoin, SSH

June 2022

- Built a full Bitcoin node on a dedicated Raspberry Pi, installing and configuring the **Linux OS** from scratch, demonstrating proficiency in Linux System Admin, network configuration and long-term system monitoring.
- Engineered a secure shell (SSH) server using Python, encrypted command line access and network protocols

## SKILLS & ATTRIBUTES

**Languages:** Python, Java, C++, JavaScript, HTML, CSS, Swift, SQL

**Tools / Frameworks:** AWS, Google Cloud, REST API, React, Redux, Git, Apache, NodeJS, Solana, Bitcoin, Ethereum, Base, Jira, Artificial Intelligence, Bash, Docker, Agile, UML Diagramming, Object-Oriented Design), Software Development Lifecycle (SDLC), Unit Testing / Integration Testing, Quality Assurance, Automation, Jira, Confluence, Scrum, Agile

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