

# RJ Hickok

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## Education

**Bachelor of Science, Computer Science**, University of Illinois at Chicago, **GPA: 3.95** September 2016 - December 2018

**Associate of Science, Computer Science**, College of DuPage, **GPA: 3.29** September 2013 - May 2016

## Skills

Programming Languages: C, C++, Python, Bash, TypeScript

Software Toolkits: ReactJS, Git, GDB, GCC/G++, Perf, Vamdrind, WireShark, TCPDump, DPDK

## Professional Experience

**Software Engineer**, Riot Games, Los Angeles, CA October 2022 - Present

- Pioneered a DNS solution for local platform development improving developer velocity by 900x.
- Developed an Xbox One IPC scheme to pass native inputs from to and from a NextJS app.
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**Software Engineer**, Twitch, San Francisco, CA July 2021 - June 2022

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- Created, refactored, and - Living Room with React, NextJS, and native platform tooling.

**Software Engineer**, Trend Micro, Austin, TX January 2019 - June 2021

- Architected, developed, and maintained multi-threaded software in C which assisted in streamlining FPGA chip integration and deployment for consuming R&D teams.
- Pioneered a CMake/CentOS build system which improved software development time by exposing TippingPoint source code in an industry standard format which became adopted and maintained by several R&D teams.
- Architected and Developed software testing schemes for proprietary FPGA chips enabling R&D teams to perform cost-benefit analysis which helped determine the effectiveness of the chip and ultimately the purchase and integration of said chips.
- Created and implemented a cost saving scaling method for AWS EC2 TippingPoint testing devices reducing hourly costs from \$0.308 to \$0.0376 unlocking Q&A teams to use 10x the number of systems for testing.
- Worked alongside a variety of R&D teams leveraging their processes to implement software written in C/C++/Python for FPGA debug and development which created a high degree team autonomy.

**Software Engineer Intern**, Argonne National Lab, Darien, IL January 2019 - June 2021

- Collaborated with a team of five to create and deploy Java service components which helped improve several lab operations.
- Created SQL queries for re-usable reports that clients used on a day-to-day basis to make data driven decisions.
- Lead research group for modernization of frameworks resulting in adoption and creation of new standards and tools.

**Computational Biophysics Intern**, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL June 2016 - August 2016

- Created Python programs to process simulation metadata enabling analysis and assessment of experiments.
- Developed Bash scripts to extract and process data from simulations allowing for abstraction and automation of workflow.
- Produced a supercomputer usage proposal that helped reduce project costs by thousands.

## Sales Experience

**Sales Associate**, Eddie Bauer, Lombard, IL October 2015 - January 2018

- Kept the store organized by following Eddie Bauer design guidelines which helped the company and store brand image.
- Maintained strong sales performance each quarter by having a UPT > 2.0 and SPH > 100.0.
- Provided excellent customer service that created and improved client relations.

## Projects

**UT Inventors Program** January 2020 - June 2021

- Mentored teams of 5-10 on cybersecurity projects.
- Co-lead winning inventors showcase team, 2020.
- Appointed sponsor liaison for Trend Micro.

**Lua Resty Router** May 2018 - August 2018

- Redesigned and improved existing WebSocket handler helping other developers to create scalable web services.
- Improved forked code clarity by introducing better variable names and methods objectively increasing readability.
- Added middleware to easily handle Redis and PostgreSQL connections extending the framework beyond routing.