

# Hikmat Kakar

SOFTWARE ENGINEER/DATA SCIENTIST

FULL-STACK DEVELOPER • AI-DRIVEN APPLICATIONS • WEB PERFORMANCE OPTIMIZATION

Software Engineer and Data Science student with hands-on experience building scalable web applications using React, Node.js, PostgreSQL, and Docker. Developed AI-driven and API-based apps, improving real-time performance and user interactivity. Committed to building reliable, high-impact software that blends data and engineering to enhance user experience. Contributed to open-source projects on GitHub; focused on performance optimizations and clean code practices.

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## PROJECTS

- **SMARTBRAIN (FACE DETECTION APP),**  
Developed a React-based facial recognition app integrating an API for real-time detection; implemented secure authentication (JWT, bcrypt) and PostgreSQL backend, reducing API response time by 25%.
- **ROBOFRIENDS (SEARCHABLE USER CARDS),**  
Engineered a dynamic React web app consuming JSON Placeholder API; implemented responsive design and optimized filtering algorithms for < 50 ms UI updates.
- **POKÉMON API VIEWER,**  
Created interactive JS app fetching Pokémon data via async API calls; optimized DOM rendering and caching for 30% faster load times.

## EDUCATION/CERTIFICATION

- **BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE, MINOR IN DATA SCIENCE (IN PROGRESS),** California State East Bay
- **ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE,** Diablo Valley College
- **Certification: Web Developer in 2025: Zero to Mastery**  
**ZERO TO MASTERY ACADEMY**, Issued Jul 2025
- **Certification: Data Structures & Algorithms Using C++ Certification**  
**IBM**, Issued Dec 2024
- **Certification: The Complete Junior to Senior Web Developer Roadmap (2025)**  
**ZERO TO MASTERY ACADEMY**, Issued Jul 2025
- **Additional Certifications: Future of A.I. & How To Use ChatGPT Certification | NFT 101: Introduction to NFTs**  
**ZERO TO MASTERY ACADEMY**,

## SKILLS

- Languages: Python, C++, C#, C, JavaScript, TypeScript, Go, Java, PHP, Kotlin, CSS, HTML

## EMPLOYMENT

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