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EDUCATION

University of Southern California

Master of Science, Computer Engineering

Coursework: Algorithms, Computer Networks, Network Security, Cloud Computing, Image Processing

August 2024 - May 2026

GPA: 3.93

EXPERIENCE

Tugoz LLC

Software Engineering Co-op

August 2025 - December 2025

Los Angeles, CA

- Wrote Dart code to interact with RESTful APIs for user privacy compliance and with Google Firebase for real-time notifications
- Built test suites for Android and iOS platforms, conducted physical and simulated tests, achieving over 90% code coverage
- Implemented CI/CD pipelines for automated building, testing, and publishing of Flutter apps to Play Store and App Store

Tugoz LLC

Software Engineering Intern

June 2025 - August 2025

Los Angeles, CA

- Designed state architecture, data model, and client-side caching policy for an event management Flutter application, reducing server load by 15%
- Wrote Dart code to interact with API endpoints for user authentication, ticket validation, and other CRUD views
- Translated existing JavaScript-based request signing, authentication, and encryption logic to Dart for use in Flutter apps

Wide Wings Media

Fullstack Developer

July 2023 - July 2024

Pune, India

- Redesigned existing backend LAMP stack for ticketkhidakee.com, replacing it with a Django-Postgres stack, leading to a ~45% increase in traffic and ~30% increase in user retention over 6 months
- Designed a robust cloud architecture on AWS, maintaining P95 latency below 100ms with ~10,000 concurrent users.
- Configured global CDN on AWS CloudFront and designed a caching policy successfully handling ~500,000 daily users

Mastercard

Software Development Intern

May 2023 - July 2023

Pune, India

- Wrote a serialization protocol to translate between protocol buffer and AVRO-based schemas for event-driven applications
- Facilitated communication between heterogeneous serialization formats, reducing data transformation delay by ~15%
- Wrote a proof-of-concept Spring application for implemented protocol, hosted on internal Mastercard repository

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Adaptive Computing Experiences Lab

Research Assistant

October 2024 - May 2025

University of Southern California

- Developed [SciSO](#), an end-to-end pipeline for extracting scientific citation graphs from StackOverflow data, studying dissemination of theoretical research and impact of scientific citations on modern trends in software development
- Authored "SciSO: Mining Science in StackOverflow", submitted to the Mining Software Repositories '25 Conference
- Designed and developed TSAR (Tracing Sustainability in ARchitectures), a tool for analyzing sustainable software architectures

PROJECTS

Django Core Contributor

- Contributed over 15 [accepted pull requests](#) adding patches, bug-fixes, and new feature additions to Django's core codebase
- Submitted three [Google Summer of Code](#) proposals (2022, 2023, 2025) for core-level improvements including rate-limiting, CORS/CSP support, and admin interface tooling

Microsoft Office Math Markup Language Parser

- Wrote a Python library to extract mathematical equations, text, and images from Microsoft Word (.docx) files, including a conversion API for converting extracted equations into LaTeX
- Hosted on [PYPI](#) under the name [docxlatex](#), with [~1000 downloads](#) a month

SKILLS

Tools: AWS, Google Cloud Platform, Docker, Git, Kubernetes, CI/CD
Technologies: Django, Spring, Node.js, Flutter, React, React Native, MongoDB, PostgreSQL
Languages: Python, C/C++, JavaScript, Java, Dart