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EDUCATION

Northeastern Illinois University, M.S. in Computer Science

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- **GPA**: 4.0
- **Relevant Coursework**: Data Structure and Algorithms, Network Security, Cryptography, Database Management, Cross-Platform Mobile Application Development, Project Management, Object Oriented Design, Informatics

WORK EXPERIENCE

Graduate Assistant, edTPA Technology - NEIU, Chicago, IL

March 2022 - Present

- Optimized the Watermark tool, enhancing the university's assessment and reporting capabilities.
- Redesigned and optimized the NEIU College of Education website's frontend, slashing crawl errors by
 75% and significantly improving its visual interface.
- Developed edTPA **presentations** about emerging technologies and ensure smooth portfolio submissions.
- Streamlined the creation of key reports for the College of Education for the Illinois State Board of Education.
- Analyzed student test data to produce insightful reports for supervisor decision-making.

RECENT ACADEMIC PROJECTS

Malware URL Blocker - Microsoft Edge Add-on Developer

- Pioneered the '*Malware URL Blocker*' as a Microsoft Edge add-on to address gaps in Microsoft SmartScreen Filter's malware detection.
- **Conducted** comprehensive research and leveraged the *URLHaus* database to integrate real-time threat intelligence into the browser.
- **Developed** using advanced JavaScript and browser APIs, focusing on minimal performance impact and maximal user privacy.
- Implemented an **auto-updating** mechanism to regularly refresh malware definitions every hour, enhancing the extension's responsiveness to new threats.

Illinois Gov Dataset Analysis for Nursing Department - GCOE, NEIU

Aug 2022- January 2023

- Led the creation of a comprehensive healthcare database, instrumental in the NEIU's Nursing program approval by ISBE.
- Used **Python** and **pandas** for data extraction and processing from XLS datasets.
- Ensured data accuracy and organization for a streamlined healthcare directory.
- Provided insights to **enhance** local healthcare partnerships and initiatives.

CERTIFICATIONS

- Academic Excellence: Recipient of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) Certificate for maintaining a 4.0 GPA during my Master's at Northeastern Illinois.
- Analytics: Google Analytics Certified Led Calendrix System's website integration into Google Analytics, emphasizing traffic analysis, dashboard setup, and filter implementation for data precision.
- Web Development: Completed 'HTML, CSS, and Javascript For Web Developers' course by Johns Hopkins University on Coursera.
- **Data Science:** Participated in a certified workshop diving deep into core Data Science concepts, with a special emphasis on the detailed study of **transformers**, their **structure**, and **functionalities**.
- Data Visualization with Python: J.P Morgan Chase Virtual Internship on the Forage Platform focusing on data cleansing and visualization of stock feed prices.
- **Software Development Lifecycle:** Developer Virtual Experience at Accenture, encompassing Architecture, Programming, Testing, Security, and AI tasks.
- Agile Methodology: Completed 'Ready, Set, Agile!' program by Cognizant USA, exploring agile practices in business settings.