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Summary

Kalen Wallin is a computer science student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) currently in his fourth year and in the honors program. He had the opportunity to study abroad in Iceland for a semester at Reykjavik University (RU) during his third year.

His love for web development began in elementary school, where he took an online course in HTML and CSS at Codecademy. However, it wasn't until he began his studies at UNL that he discovered the intricacies of programming languages beyond the basics of HTML and CSS.

He has refined these skills through countless courses and personal projects, as well as an internship. His internship was with FarmAfield, an online marketplace for ownership investments, where he developed websites using the Django tech stack.

Kalen also has experience with game development and graphic design through courses and extracurricular activities at UNL, RU, and Chase County Schools (CCS). He honed his skills in game development, starting with the creation of "Fappy Borbs" in high school, followed by "Minieval" during his second year of undergraduate studies, and currently collaborating with Mystic Rhoads Productions on his third project "baldorf".

With a keen attention to detail and a focus on the bigger picture, Kalen is an organized and thoughtful individual who consistently delivers results. He works well in teams and ensures all team members can contribute effectively to ensure stable progress. Raised by a family of farmers, he was taught to take the initiative and get things done.

Kalen plans to graduate from UNL in August 2023 and is actively seeking employment as a full-stack web developer. For more information, please visit his website at www.kalenwallin.com where you can see his portfolio and contact him for further details.

Experience

Web Development Intern
FARMAFIELD
May 2021 - Aug 2022 (1 year 4 months)
As a web developer at FarmAfield, I was responsible for maintaining and improving the company's website by fixing bugs and adding new features. Additionally, I had the opportunity to create a prototype website that is now used by employees regularly.

I developed the website using the Django framework consisting of the languages: Python, HTML, CSS, and JavaScript. I worked with a team of interns using Agile practices to deliver the project on time and with high quality. Among the features I developed were:

- Dark Mode: A feature that allows users to switch to a dark mode interface for a more comfortable reading experience.
- Email Preferences: A feature that enables users to manage their email subscriptions and preferences.

- Solar Landing Page: A dedicated landing page that provides information about the company's solar energy services, it can be accessed at https://ruralenergypartners.com/

I was involved in all aspects of the development process, from planning and design to coding and testing. It was a great experience for me to see how my contributions positively impacted the website's user experience.

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Aug 2021 - Dec 2021 (5 months)
As a TA for a college course, I was responsible for hosting weekly office hours to assist students with their learning and answer any questions they had. I also graded assignments and collaborated with a team of 3 other TAs to ensure a seamless learning experience for the students. Regular team meetings were held to discuss responsibilities and ensure that all tasks were being handled effectively.

Education

University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Bachelor's degree, Computer Science
Aug 2019 - Dec 2023
Deans List 5x

Reykjavik University
Bachelor's degree, Computer Science
Jan 2022 - Apr 2022
Studied at RU for one semester.
Courses: Web Programming, Game Engineering Architecture

Chase County High School
High School Diploma, General Education
Aug 2015 - May 2019
Valedictorian of the Class of 2019

Skills

Figma (Software) • Adobe Creative Suite • GitHub • Django with HTML, CSS, JS, and Python • .NET Framework with C# • Microsoft Office