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## EDUCATION

### University of Central Florida

Aug. 2023 - May 2026

*Bachelor of Science in Computer Science*

**GPA: 3.7**

- **Relevant Coursework:** C Programming, Data Structures and Algorithms, Discrete Structures, Object Oriented Programming, Systems Software, Security in Computing
- **Awards/Honors:** Dean's list Fall 2023 and Spring 2024, Florida Academic Scholar

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

**Languages:** HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Python, Java, C, SQL

**Frameworks:** React, Bootstrap, Flask

**Tools/Technologies:** Git, GitHub, Linux, Bash, Docker, MySQL, VS Code, Eclipse, Vim, VirtualBox

**Other:** LaTeX, Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Photoshop, Figma

## EXPERIENCE

### ShellHacks

Sept. 2024

*Hacker*

*Miami, FL*

- **Won 2nd place** in Chainguard's Wolfi OS Container Security challenge at Florida's largest hackathon as a **first-time participant** against **50+** competitors.
- **Led the effort** to support teammates in familiarizing themselves with essential technologies, fostering collaboration, and ultimately boosting our overall performance.
- Successfully delivered a functional application within a limited **36-hour time frame**, enhancing my leadership and development skills while boosting my confidence for future projects.

### Foundation Exam Prep

May 2024 – Aug. 2024

*Peer Tutor*

*Orlando, FL*

- **Guided over 20 students** through foundational concepts in **C** regarding **Data Structures** and **Algorithms**, boosting their problem-solving abilities and improving their exam readiness.
- Cultivated a supportive learning environment through effective communication and active listening, building trust and rapport with peers to enhance their learning experience.

## PROJECTS

### Cloud Vault | *HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Python, Flask, Docker*

Sep. 2024 – Oct. 2024

- Developed a **full-stack** file handling application using **Python and Flask** while focusing on **encryption** and secure transmission via **SSL certificates** and **HTTPS**.
- Utilized **containerized deployment with Docker**, ensuring consistent configurations across all systems while reducing potential attack surfaces by **98%**.
- Focused on convenience and security for individuals and small businesses, with assessments reporting **0 known vulnerabilities**.
- Implemented a sleek, cutting-edge user interface in HTML, CSS, and JavaScript, prioritizing simplicity and usability for seamless file uploads.

### Personal Portfolio | *HTML, CSS, JavaScript*

Aug. 2024 – Oct. 2024

- Built a **fully responsive** portfolio website from scratch using vanilla **HTML, CSS, and JavaScript**, solidifying my understanding of frontend web development fundamentals.
- Designed **intuitive layouts** to highlight academic achievements, technical projects, and professional skills, ensuring an engaging user experience.
- Leveraged **SEO techniques** and modern web standards to improve views, **doubling site traffic** in the first month.

### MySPIM | *C, Bash*

Mar. 2024 – Apr. 2024

- Developed a cycle-accurate simulator for a MIPS processor in **C**, capable of reading machine code, decoding instructions, and executing essential operations, enhancing my expertise in low-level data handling and assembly.
- Implemented the single-cycle datapath architecture, solidifying my understanding of the instruction fetch, decode, execute, memory, and write-back stages of processor design.
- Engaged in collaborative code reviews with peers, integrating constructive feedback to refine the simulator's architecture, significantly enhancing robustness and efficiency.