Maxwell Steele

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EDUCATION

University of Washington

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science | 3.93 GPA

Seattle, WA

Expected Graduation: June 2026

- Relevant Coursework: Data Structures & Parallelism, Software Design & Implementation, Object-Oriented Programming, Foundations of Computing 1 & 2 (Discrete Math & Probability), Linear Algebra, Intro to Comp Sci
- Honors: Washington Award for Vocational & Technical Excellence (2023), Washington Opportunity Baccalaureate Scholar (2024)

EXPERIENCE

Software Engineer Intern

Sept. 2024 – Present

Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL)

Seattle, WA

- Contributed front-end development, web API deployment, and UI design in the Foundational Data Science group.
- Leveraged Airbnb's Visx package for a React-based application supporting national security and biosurveillance initiatives for federal government agencies.
- Collaborated with data scientists and UI/UX design team across multiple revision cycles based on sponsor feedback, authored an annual project report.

Software Engineer Intern | Department of Homeland Security

June 2024 – Aug. 2024

Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL)

Richland, WA

- Participated in the **DHS-WIRED** national security development program, working within the Translational Artificial Intelligence division at PNNL.
- Created internal search and filtering tools for an ETL pipeline processing over 1.3 million records, leveraging React, TypeScript, and the pyLDAvis package integrated with Apollo GraphQL.
- Designed and implemented a robust API using Flask, Python, AWS S3, and Docker containerization, reducing loading times by 70% across multiple dense topic modeling components.

Peer Mentor

Sept. 2022 – June 2023

Washington State University GEAR-UP

Kennewick, WA

- Aided students in completing scholarship applications and financial aid.
- Organized and administered college tours for freshman and sophomore cohorts (50+ participants).
- Mentored students in applying to universities including the University of Washington and WSU.

Student Tutor

Sept. 2021 – June 2023

 $Washington\ State\ University\ GEAR-UP$

Kennewick, WA

- Supported 100+ students weekly with high school curriculum coursework.
- Provided daily STEM and career-focused lessons with individualized approaches for underrepresented students.
- Increased retention in school-wide GEAR-UP programs by 30% by collaborating with faculty.

PROJECTS

Automated E-Commerce Photo Editor | MERN, React, TypeScript, Node.js

Sept. 2024

- Developed depop Dash, a React webapp using the MERN stack and Pixo's image editing REST API to automate product photography editing for online retail marketplaces, reducing manual editing time by 75%.
- Increased personal sell-through rates by 20% through automated filter application, improving photo quality and consistency between cross-platform listings, leading to faster sales conversions.

Personal Portfolio | React, TypeScript, Framer Motion, Next.js, Vercel

Dec. 2024

Technical Skills

Languages: Java, JavaScript/TypeScript, Python, HTML/CSS

Frameworks & Build Tools: React, Visx, Node.js, Flask, NumPy, Pandas, GraphQL, Docker

Technologies: Git, GitLab, VSCode, Jupyter, AWS (S3, EC2), Bash, LaTeX