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Academic History

University of California, Berkeley

Aug. 2021 - Dec. 2025

B.A. Computer Science, Minor in Mathematics; GPA: 3.519.

Berkeley, CA

Selected Coursework: Efficient Algorithms and Intractable Problems, Introduction to Database Systems, Machine Structures, Data Structures and Algorithms, Discrete Mathematics and Probability Theory, Multivariate Calculus, Linear Algebra and Differential Equations.

Professional Experience

Software Engineer Intern

May 2023 - Aug. 2023

Meta

Menlo Park, CA

- \bullet Work on a pre-alpha ${\bf advertiser}$ ${\bf value}$ ${\bf optimization}$ feature within the Ads Bidding team.
- Contribute to data schema and system design via comprehensive feasibility studies.
- Collaborate with product designers and market researchers to consolidate an alpha specification.
- Expand the Meta Ads Manager web interface to produce bid multiplier data to global ad delivery system.

MetaU Engineering Intern

June 2022 - Aug. 2022

Meta

Menlo Park, CA

- Learned large-scale application design with the WhatsApp Data Archive and Transport team.
- Participated in a bootcamp-style course on Obj-C and Swift iOS development using UIKit and SwiftUI.
- Designed and implemented a task management application (see "Process") as a capstone project.

Lead Endpoint Engineer

May 2022 - Present

UC Berkeley SAIT

Berkeley, CA

- Provide advising to UC Berkeley IT leaders and CIO as part of the Student Technology Council.
- Lead an endpoint management team responsible for the security and accessibility of more than 400 devices.
- Maintain campus partnerships and oversee organizational work, such as the hiring of 3 engineers.

CURRENT AFFILIATIONS

GamesCrafters | Computational game theory applied research group.

Jan. 2023 - Present

- Developed a strong solution to Five-Field Kono, a game of $> 10^9$ positions (play against solution).
- Re-architected C codebase for ergonomics, safety, and multi-processing support (see "GamesmanNova").
- Designed an ACID-compliant and write-optimized **database storage engine** for enabling parallelization in game solves, featuring a write-ahead log, a checkpoint system, and cached in-memory data structures.

Selected Projects

GamesmanNova | Abstract strategy game analysis system.

- System for performing **full game tree exploration** on deterministic abstract strategy finite-state games, storing and analyzing their complete solutions efficiently, and serving them to GamesCrafters' user interfaces.
- Simple multithreaded implementations of solution set analyzer, solving algorithm, and DBMS modules.
- Working on supporting OpenMPI for solves on **High Performance Computing clusters**.

Process | Task management application for iOS.

- Allows for many-to-many graph of task-subtask relationships, as opposed to simple or nested lists.
- Served using **Firebase** Auth, Storage, and Firestore (although Neo4j is better suited for storing graphs of tasks).
- Features a recursive UI for intuitively traversing subtask items, built with Swift and SwiftUI.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Tools and Frameworks: Git, Mercurial, OpenMPI, OpenMP, SQL, Ent, React, SwiftUI.

GPPLs: Rust, C/C++, Java, Swift, Python, JavaScript.