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EDUCATION

Florida Atlantic University | Bachelor of Science

Major: Computer Science | Minor: Artificial Intelligence

Certifications: AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner, Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt, Active Secret Security Clearance

SKILLS

Languages: Python, Java, C/C++, SQL, JavaScript, C#	Frameworks : React, React Native, Angular, Node.js, Next.js, Flask	Databases : MongoDB, PostgreSQL, Microsoft SQL Server	Tools: Git, Github, Linux, Postman, Unity, S3, Selenium, Power BI	Practices : Agile, CI/CD
EXPERIENCE				
Florida Power & Light IT Nuclear Solutions Analyst Intern				May 2025 - Present

- Developed a VR digital twin prototype in Unity using point cloud scanning to improve multi-site nuclear operator training, collaborating with cross-functional teams to boost retention and shorten onboarding time.
- Deployed autonomous robotic patrol walk branches in nuclear facilities, advancing inspection efficiency from manual to continuous resulting in a 90% increase in data retrieval accuracy.

NextEra Energy | Data Science Side Project - BER Topic Pipeline

- Improved an existing Python script to replace local file ingestion with AWS S3 data transfer, efficiently extracting, sanitizing, and preprocessing 150K+ nuclear documents for topic modeling.
- Prepared, cleaned, and structured 4,000-word snippets for downstream **BERTopic modeling** and **LLM summarization**, with outputs embedded and indexed in ElasticSearch for semantic search.

Sparton Corporation | Acoustic Engineering Intern

- Collaborated across engineering teams to design automated testing workstation, spearheading development in C that reduced test time from 160 to 40 seconds (75% improvement).
- Coordinated with a different team to build and deploy a Microsoft SQL data pipeline for 1,000+ component tests that happen on shipment days, accelerating data retrieval by 50%.

PROJECTS

Theme Park Ticketing System | React, Flask, PostgreSQL, Selenium

Developing a **full-stack ticketing platform** featuring photo verification and end-to-end automated testing, ensuring robust frontend/backend integration and database reliability.

Disney Emissions Dashboard | *JavaScript*, *HTML*, *CSS*

Developed an **interactive sustainability dashboard** on The Walt Disney Company to visualize Scope 1–3 carbon emissions and track progress toward 2030 net zero targets; integrated a petition registration feature.

Voice-Controlled Robot Assistant | *Python, Arduino*

Engineered a voice-interactive robot using Python for speech recognition, Arduino for servo motor control, and Google's Gemini API for natural language processing, for a responsive robot with physical interaction capabilities.

Thrill Seeker | JavaScript, HTML, CSS

Created a **GeoGuessr-inspired theme park guessing game** using **JavaScript**, featuring dynamic image maps, randomized clues, and adjustable difficulty to create an engaging and replayable user experience.

INVOLVEMENT

NEXT100 Hackathon - Fan Favorite | NextEra Energy

Led a team of interns to develop an internal AI career support tool leveraging organizational data to suggest role transitions based on employee skills and backgrounds, with a similar solution later adopted by the company.

Instructional Coder | South Florida Tech Hub

Volunteer instructor for monthly K-12 coding workshops, teaching programming fundamentals and fostering inclusive, hands-on learning environments.

Cognitive Hackathon - 2nd Place | Python

Developed an AI-driven Ant Colony Optimization system to reduce waste management routing inefficiencies by 10%, improving sustainable logistics modeling for operational output.

Midshipman | Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps

Led and mentored a team of 4 junior midshipmen, cultivating leadership skills, resilience, public speaking and presentation expertise through military leadership development.

May 2024 - August 2024

June 2025 - July 2025

Expected December 2026

July 2025 - August 2025

June 2025 - July 2025

April 2025 - May 2025

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July 2025 - July 2025

February 2025 - Present

August 2024 - August 2024

August 2021 - May 2023