Marko Tsymbaliuk

markotsymbaluk.com | GitHub | LinkedIn

Summary

Creative junior CS student focused on distributed systems and live, event-driven software. Builder of *CodeCafé* (500+GitHub stars, 6,000+ users) and open source contributor to Apache Cassandra. Skilled in full-stack development, DevOps, and consensus fundamentals; seeking challenging software-engineering internships.

EDUCATION

Gettysburg College

Gettysburg, PA

tsymma01@gettysburg.edu

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science; Minor in Economics; GPA: 3.72/4.0

Expected Graduation: December 2026

- o Honors: Dean's List (2023, 2024); Presidential Scholar
- Coursework: OOP, Data Structures & Algorithms, Computer Organization, Databases, Discrete Math, Linear Algebra,
 Theory of Computation

EXPERIENCE

Software Engineering Intern

Gettysburg, PA

Gettysburg College

May 2025 - Aug 2025

- AI-powered coding tutor: Built intelligent tutoring system similar to Cursor for students; implemented hint generation, code explanation, and step-by-step debugging assistance with real-time feedback.
- MCP server architecture: Built gRPC-based Model Context Protocol server enabling multiple AI model integrations; created custom MCP implementations for AI tutors to access student code, project files, and debugging context in real-time.
- Academic integrity system: Created React application for proctored coding assessments with keystroke pattern recording and window focus tracking; built timeline visualization for instructors to review coding session activity.

Computer Science Teaching Assistant

Gettysburg, PA

Gettysburg College

Fall 2023 - Spring 2024

- Student support: Coached 60 intro-CS students in Python labs and office hours, lifting average exam scores by 25%.
- OOP instruction: Led weekly walkthroughs on classes, inheritance, and polymorphism; 95% of students reported clearer understanding.

PROJECTS

CodeCafé — Live Collaborative Cloud IDE (Featured on Hacker News, 500+ ★)

GitHub | Live | Demo

Jan 2025 - Present

- Custom OT engine: Developed ground-up Operational Transformation core enabling conflict-free real-time collaboration like Google Docs; integrated with Java Spring Boot/WebSockets and Redis (AWS ElastiCache) with Lua scripts for 10+ concurrent users.
- Feature-rich cloud IDE: Architected zero-setup, VS Code-style workspace with React, TypeScript, Tailwind CSS, Zustand, Monaco Editor, Xterm.js; delivers instant HTML/CSS/JS live preview for pair-programming and teaching.
- Containerized infra & CI/CD: Dockerized frontend, backend, and Redis; GitHub Actions runs Jest/JUnit, builds images, and auto-deploys backend to AWS EC2 and frontend to Vercel.
- Secure delivery: Nginx on EC2 handles TLS termination, WSS routing, and reverse-proxying; global DNS/CDN via Cloudflare; frontend fetches data with Axios over HTTPS.

Gedis — Redis Implementation & In-Memory Database Server

GitHub

Creator & Lead Developer

July 2025 - Present

- Custom protocol & concurrent server: Built TCP server with binary protocol handling concurrent connections via Go goroutines; supports Redis-style commands (GET/SET/DEL) and sorted set operations (ZADD/ZREM/ZRANGE).
- Thread-safe data structures: Implemented mutex-protected key-value store and B-tree indexed sorted sets using Google's btree library, enabling O(log N) range queries and concurrent access patterns.

OPEN SOURCE

Apache Cassandra

Open Source Contributor

View Pull Requests

Aug 2025 - Present

- Database enhancement: Improved Apache Cassandra's configuration visibility by implementing JSON output for complex settings, enhancing programmatic access for operational tooling.
- Open source collaboration: Collaborated with senior maintainers on design decisions, addressed code review feedback, and contributed comprehensive test coverage.

PROGRAMMING SKILLS

Languages
Frontend
Backend
Databases & Storage
Concepts
Testing & DevOps

 $\label{eq:continuous} Java \cdot Go \cdot JavaScript \cdot TypeScript \cdot Python \cdot Lua \cdot SQL \\ HTML \cdot CSS \cdot React \cdot React \ Native \cdot Tailwind \ CSS \cdot Electron$

Node.js · Spring / Spring Boot · FastAPI · REST · gRPC · WebSockets

 $PostgreSQL \cdot MySQL \cdot Cassandra \cdot Redis \cdot Amazon \ S3 \cdot ElastiCache \\ Distributed \ Systems \cdot Consensus \ (Raft) \cdot Event-Driven \ Architectures$

 $JUnit \cdot Jest \cdot Git/GitHub \cdot Docker \cdot Docker \cdot Compose \cdot GitHub \cdot Actions$