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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

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Bachelor of Science in Computer Science; Minor in Economics; Major GPA: 3.63/4.0 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 IDE Integration: Integrated a Gemini-powered assistant into DrJava, creating a conversational coding tutor similar to Cursor, with real-time code editing.
- MCP Server & Tooling: Built a lightweight MCP server with Java HttpServer; added file-analysis tools and streamed AI responses via SSE into the Java Swing front-end.
- Academic Integrity Platform: Developed a React app for proctored coding exams with keystroke tracking, focus
 monitoring, and timeline-based activity review.

Computer Science Teaching Assistant

Gettysburg, PA

Gettysburg College

Fall 2023 - Spring 2024

- \circ 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, $500+\bigstar$)

GitHub | Live | Demo

Jan 2025 - Present

- ${\color{blue} {\bf Custom\ OT\ engine:}}\ {\color{blue} {\bf C$
- 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

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