# Erika Sy



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#### **EDUCATION**

University of Wisconsin, Madison - Bachelor of Science, Computer Science

Sep. 2024 - May 2026

Coursework - Introduction to Artificial Intelligence, Introduction to Computer Engineering

University of Illinois, Chicago - Bachelor of Science, Computer Science

Aug. 2022 - May 2024

Coursework - Software Design, Machine Organization, Data Structures, Programming Practicum, Discrete Math, Calc 3, Stats 1, Physics 1

## **SKILLS**

Languages: C++, C, Python, Java, HTML, CSS, R

Frameworks & Libraries: MediaPipe, Unreal Engine, Pandas

Tools: Codesys, Miniconda, Pycharm, SolidWorks, Postman, PowerBi, Figma

#### **EXPERIENCE**

#### AbbVie - Business Technology Solutions Intern

May. 2024 - Aug. 2024

- Identify and implement automation opportunities within the ServiceNow platform to enhance efficiency and reduce operational costs.
- Led 7 employee workshops, utilized Spreadsheets to document 12 processes, and used Visio to map out 5 of those processes.
- Assisted in rebranding the AI landing page, contributing to a more user-friendly interface that improves the customer experience.
- Conducted 3 batches of smoke testing using Postman and contributed to the prompt engineering library.

#### University of Illinois, Chicago - Research Assistant

Feb. 2024 - May 2024

- Contributed to a project to develop a digital twin for managing nuclear waste, utilizing technologies such as Codesys and Unreal Engine.
- Enhanced the project's efficiency by optimizing the existing simulation code and improving the real-time TCP/IP communication between the physical crane operations and their digital twin representation.
- Examined performance bottlenecks and executes strategic code optimizations to improve the system's efficiency and safety protocol.

#### University of Illinois, Chicago - Early Research Scholar

Aug. 2023 - May 2024

- Engaged in a forward-looking project to design a whiteboard application using MediaPipe, OpenCV, MiniConda, and Pycharm. The
  application uses hand gesture recognition via camera, allowing users to intuitively control and interact with a digital whiteboard.
- Participated in solution-oriented team discussions and mentor-led reviews to enhance the application's functionality and user experience.
- Presented research findings and demonstrated the application's capabilities in a comprehensive poster session.

#### KPMG - Seasonal Advisory Intern

May 2023 - May 2023

- Investigated innovative technological solutions to help the firm achieve a net-zero carbon footprint by 2030.
- Leveraged PowerBi, PowerPoint, and Excel to create visually compelling presentations and reports, enhancing stakeholder engagement.
- Wireframe an app using Figma that incentivizes sustainable travel choices by rewarding employees with redeemable points for prizes.

# PERSONAL PROJECTS

#### Space Invaders | Python

Dec. 2022 - Dec. 2022

- Developed a Space Invaders clone that utilizes Python and Turtle graphics to recreate the arcade game with progressive difficulty levels.
- Incorporated a high scoreboard feature to track player achievements, encouraging competition and motivating continuous playability.
- Designed user interface with introductory and "you lose" screens to enhance the gaming experience.

## Harry Potter Sorting Hat | Python

Jul. 2022 - Aug. 2022

- Built an interactive game to simulate the Sorting Hat's house selection process based on their responses to questions.
- · Developed and implemented an algorithm that analyzes and weighs user responses to determine the most suitable house placement.

#### EXTRACURRICULAR

## Latinx Organization for Growth in Computing and Academics - Community & Outreach Chair

Jul. 2023 - May 2024

- · Created and managed all event-related forms, from initial registration to feedback collection, streamlining the administrative process.
- Responsible for rebranding the organization's merchandise to align with trends and member preferences.
- · Managed the organization's email, event room booking communications, and external organization relationships.

#### Women in Computer Science - Newsletter Chair

May 2023 - May 2024

- Crafted 10 bi-weekly newsletters to inform WiCS Members about upcoming programs, workshops, and initiatives to increase engagement.
- Collaborated in bi-weekly meetings, bringing innovative event ideas to cultivate a sense of community.
- Provided support in orchestrating WiCS events and fundraisers during the setup and cleanup.

# SparksHacks - Organizer

Sep. 2023 - Feb. 2024

- Orchestrated a student-run hackathon that had 300 participants collaborate, innovate, and compete over 2 days and a series of 4 prompts.
- Coordinated with judges on the hackathon's objectives, criteria for evaluation, and the support needed to carry out their roles effectively.
- Co-led a Mario Kart tournament with 25 participants, designed to foster community engagement and provide a fun break.

# Analyzed feedback, identified areas of improvement, and implemented strategies to strengthen future events.

### **AWARDS**

## Code Your Dreams Ideathon - Participant

Apr. 2023

- · A Hack for Accessibility event with Google Chicago and Deaf Kids Code aimed at making technology more accessible and inclusive.
- Developed a **wireframe** for a website that features a dynamic calendar that employs web-based search functionality to automatically curate and display relevant STEM events, fostering greater engagement and opportunities for underrepresented groups.
- Awarded the Best Community Outreach Award for the application.