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EDUCATION

B.S. in Computer Engineering

University of California, Santa Barbara

Expected June 2023

GPA: 3.81/4.00

- Dean's Honors since Fall 2019
- College of Engineering Honors since Fall 2020
- Relevant Coursework: Problem Solving with Computers I & II, Object Oriented Design, Foundations of Computer Science, Automata and Formal Languages, Probability and Statistics

SKILLS

Languages: C/C++, Java, C#, Python, HTML, CSS, JavaScript

Technologies: React.js, Unity, Visual Studio, Git, Linux, Android, Google Cloud, Firebase, Alexa Skills Kit

EXPERIENCE

Hackathon Organizer

SB Hacks VII

March 2020 - Present

- Participating in weekly meetings to discuss and plan out the 350+ person event.
- · Corresponding with many tech companies and startups to gain sponsorships and fund the hackathon.
- Assisting with the logistics of moving the hackathon from an in-person event to a virtual one.

Outreach Officer

UCSB Game Development Club

March 2020 - Present

- Connected the club with the games industry by reaching out and hosting online Q&A sessions with experienced developers.
- Organized and participated in the club's annual 20+ person game jam, which helped introduce new members to the club.
- Preparing the ongoing club schedule for the Fall quarter and working out the logistics of virtual club meetings and events.

Student Tutor Monta Vista High School

Aug 2018 - Jun 2019

- Assisted AP Computer Science A teachers by grading papers and answering student questions relating to the material.
- Tutored a class of 30+ high school students in a Linux-based computer environment lab in preparation for the AP test.
- Debugged students' complex Java programs while maintaining a "hands-off the keyboard" approach.

HONORS & AWARDS

Platinum Division

USA Computing Olympiad (USACO)

Nov 2013 - Mar 2017

- Achieved the highest rank, Platinum, alongside 120 competitors out of 500+ in the 2017 US Open contest.
- Studied and utilized valuable computer science concepts such as grid-search algorithms (e.g. breadth-first and depth-first search), graph theory (e.g. Dijkstra, Bellman-Ford, Floyd-Warshall, Prim's Algorithm, Kruskal's Algorithm), and dynamic programming (e.g. Knapsack).

PROJECTS

VoiceOrder SB Hacks VI

Jan 2020

- Built an automated intercom system designed to replace costly drive-thru services, saving businesses thousands of dollars.
- Streamlined the ordering process by leveraging the Alexa Skills Kit and AWS Lambda to run a serverless feedback loop.
- Trained a natural language processing machine learning model to extract user intent using the Google Cloud AutoML NLP API.
- Developed a frontend React.js application to display orders from a Firebase database in real-time.
- Awarded Best Alexa Skill at the hackathon after working in a 4-person team environment for 36 hours.

BlueSpot

TreeHacks 2020

Feb 2020

- Constructed an AR message board visualizer app designed for posting and sharing location-specific messages with others.
- · Worked with Unity's built-in AR foundation package to build an Android app with augmented reality capabilities.
- · Utilized the MapBox API and Firebase API to obtain and store user message contents and geolocation data.
- Designed the app's UI interface and modeled interactable 3D objects to enhance user experience.

Primes and Dragons

Ongoing Project

Aug 2019 - Present

- Developing a fun and interesting mathematical puzzle RPG for PC and Android using Unity and C#.
- Implemented a custom serialization system that can save and restore player and enemy stats when needed.

Touhou DX

CodeDay Bay Area @ Horizons, SF

Feb 2018

- Created a top-down bullet-hell game where players must defeat enemies with attacks inspired by calculus concepts.
- Coded the video game from scratch in Java with gameplay loops, graphics, audio, and 2D-collision detecting in 24 hours.
- Invented a way to display function lines that could be drawn and resized in real-time like a graphing calculator in Unity.
- · Led a 4-person team by holding collaborative discussions and delegating tasks within Agile sprints.
- Awarded Best Game out of 20+ groups at the hackathon.