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About me

I am driven to build accessible applications which, defined at requirements collection, aim to empower, charm, and include based on a thorough understanding of the customer - minimizing bias and maximizing value for all users. I love tackling challenging problems, creating engaging stories, and building strong relationships with coworkers and customers with effective, kind communication. Here's what I bring to the table:

- **3+ years of software development** experience spread across classwork, personal projects, and internships
- **2+ years of project management and planning** experience spread across DEI initiatives and SDLC
- **1+ years of customer service** experience spread across food service and retail

EDUCATION

BA, Computer Science & Mathematics

2019 – 2023 | Lewis & Clark College | Portland, OR

- **Coursework:** Algorithm Design & Analysis in Java, Graphics Programming in C, AI/ML in Python, Object Oriented Software Development, Partial Differential Equations, Linear Algebra, Real Analysis
- **Achievements:** JEDI Award, 2 offers of internship extension, Completion of an Independent Study

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lead Backend Engineer Intern

May 2023 – January 2024

Lewis & Clark College | Portland, OR

Scheme, diagram, and improve modular frameworks and shared libraries. Administrate server deployment, maintenance, and configurations. Create and update readable documentation for a variety of technical skill levels.

- Quickly prototyped testing software for more accurate bug tracking
- Became backend engineering lead
- Enhanced performance, scalability, and usability of backend and game scripts

Skills: MYSQL, PHP, C#, Object Oriented Development, AWS, LAMP Development, AGILE, Trello, Git version control, Visual Studio Code, Unity, Terminal, Multi-Disciplinary team collaboration

Chair of the Equity, Inclusion, & Justice Committee

August 2019 – May 2023

Lewis & Clark College | Portland, OR

Manage DEI projects, a \$30,000 budget, and the hiring, training and orientation of new members. Develop, write, and implement strategic plans. Build strong working relationships with students, professors, and administrators.

- **Committee Chair(August 2022 - May 2023)**
 - Created budget and wrote guidelines to initiate stipends for affinity group leaders
 - Provided a kind, inclusive safe space for committee discussions
 - Allocated budget, secured space, and wrote guidelines for the creation of a food pantry
- **Vice Chair (August 2020-May 2021)**
 - Promoted transparency, accessibility, and publicity of grant program
 - Brought key insights to equity audit discussions
 - Lead communication for a growing subcommittee

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- **Committee Member(September 2019 - May 2020, August 2021 - May 2022)**

- Became a consistent volunteer, voice, and advocate for marginalized communities

Skills: Discussion leading, Google Suite, Budgets, Equity Audit, Hiring, Training, Public Speaking, Scheduling, Tabling, Writing, Interpersonal Relations

Vision and Graphics Lab Summer REU Intern

May 2022 – August 2022

University of Southern California | Los Angeles, CA

Work closely with a PhD student on physically based rendering pipelines in Unity, attend research seminars, and present findings.

- Implemented a super resolution deep learning plugin in Unity
- Independently researched, schemed, and programed a ray marcher algorithm
- Presented at the USC Institute for Creative Technologies conference
- Actively participated in REU team building events

Skills: CUDA, C, Python, Literature Review, Unity, Graphics Shaders, Windows Command Line, Fourier Series, Neural Networks, Deep SDF, Public Speaking, Neural Radiance Fields(NeRF)

Teaching Assistant

Spring 2020, Fall 2022, Spring 2023

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Track inventory, assist students with coding assignments, and maintain student privacy according to FERPA guidelines.

Skills: IT Service Desk, HTML, CSS, Java, P5.js, Teaching

Projects

Portfolio

December 2024 - Present

Design, implement, and deploy website with front end languages.

- Minimized repetitive scripting using readable functions
- Created visually appealing and logical user experience

Skills: HTML, CSS, JQuery, Javascript, JSON, Git Version Control, UX

Hybrid Rendering Engine

March 2024

Link three separate codebases and write novel render pass algorithms that implement ZBuffer, Ray Tracing, and Ray Marching algorithms.

- Wrote readable functions
- Created a binary tree data structure
- Implemented a recursive depth first search algorithm
- Intentionally managed memory usage

Skills: C, Rendering Engines, Low Level Programming, Algorithm Design, Git Version Control, X11

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Global Mentorship Initiative | May 2023 - Present

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS AND TRAINING

Full Stack Development | FreeCodeCamp | In progress