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As a motivated backend software engineer, I bring a keen eye for detail and strong problem-solving skills to the table. Proficient in organization and comfortable in fast-paced settings, I consider myself a team player with expertise in requirements analysis and solution execution. My aim is to exceed expectations in a dynamic engineering role, contributing my skills and continuously advancing in the field.

**EDUCATION**

**Middle Tennessee State University Murfreesboro, Tennessee**

*Bachelor of Science in Mechatronics Engineering with a concentration in CS* Graduation: **May 2023**

* **Minors:** Computer Science, Mathematics GPA**:** 4.0 / 4.0 (Rank #1)

**WORK & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

**Markem Imaje (Dover Corp)** **Remote**

*Software Solution Engineer* June 2023 – Current

* Leveraged the proprietary CoLOS Applications software toolkit to custom design and implement Web UIs tailored to large customers' specific requirements, enhancing product identification and traceability solutions.
* Employed a .NET Framework (CoLOS built atop of VB .NET) for the robust implementation and customization of interfaces, ensuring optimal performance and user experience.
* Utilized MS SQL Server to optimize database performance, reducing query response time by 20% and improving overall system efficiency.

**Automation NTH** **LaVergne, Tennessee**

*Controls Engineer Intern* May 2022– August 2022

* Successfully devised the AutoCAD Electrical drawings for a B&R automation panel, which included schematics, footprints, and BOM.
* Programmed a MicroLogix 1100 PLC using an inspection sensor, reject sensor, and reject solenoid via RsLogix 500 to streamline the production process by reducing downtime.
* Successfully troubleshot hardware and software issues with PLCs, HMIs, and networks; increased uptime of intern project via Studio 5000.

**PERSONAL PROJECTS (***open source)*

**Project 4-Sight: Electronic Travel Aid August 2022 – May 2023**

*Full Stack Engineer (*[*Link*](https://github.com/sometimesB/4-Sight)*)*

* Project 4-Sight is an advanced wearable device for the visually impaired, featuring enhanced obstacle detection, extended range, navigation capabilities, and safety sensors. The goal is to create an affordable and customizable jacket with an intuitive design for daily use, providing users with haptic feedback and a website interface for navigation and routing management.
* Created an IoT platform with a website and Arduino hardware. It lets users easily manage navigation and keep an eye on the jacket's performance in real-time. The user-friendly interface is designed using HTML, CSS, and JS, while the back end runs on PHP and MySQL.
* I created a robust back-end API using PHP and MySQL for storing user records and PHP to ensure seamless communication between the website and hardware components. Back-end was fully fleshed out to allow for thousands of concurrent jacket users simultaneously.

**Cryptocurrency Arbitrage Bot April 2021 - Current**

* Created a real-time arbitrage detection bot that scans multiple cryptocurrency websites for price differences and notifies me instantly through Discord. Managed to achieve an impressive 4000% return at its peak.
* Developed a second version to tackle increasing competition, drastically cutting down the runtime from 60 seconds to just 2 seconds.
* Used Python and batch scripts for the project, with Selenium for efficient data scraping, open-source APIs for gathering pricing info, and simple math to spot lucrative arbitrage opportunities. Implemented smart strategies for quick and accurate notifications about potential gains.

**SKILLS, ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS**

**Technical Skills:**

● Python, PHP, MySQL, SQL Server, Microsoft WorkFlows, HTML, CSS, JS, Relational databases.

● Planning, Organizing, Requirements Gathering, Testing, Execution, Deployment, Implementation.