# TAREK CHAALAN

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## EDUCATION

**California State University, Fullerton**                                                                                   Fullerton, CA
*Bachelor of Science in Computer Science*                                                                                           2024
*GPA: 3.6 — Cum Laude*
*Relevant Coursework: Data Structures, Algorithms, Database Management, Front- and Back-end Development, Artificial Intelligence, Software Development, Cybersecurity*

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

**Ahli Bank of Kuwait — Kuwait City, Kuwait**                                                   Aug 2024 - Nov 2024 (In Person)
*Asset Management Intern — Financial Analysis, Data Visualization*

- Analyzed and managed over 30 investment portfolios, delivering actionable insights for better performance tracking.
- Created and automated dashboards in Tableau, reducing manual reporting time by 25%.
- Worked with a 5-member team to implement project management tools, streamlining task tracking and team coordination.

**Freelance Developer — Los Angeles, CA**                                                        Aug 2024 - Present (Remote)
*Full-Stack Developer — HTML, CSS, JavaScript, React, Firebase*

- Designed and implemented a barbershop website with integrated booking, able to manage 100+ appointments weekly.
- Built responsive portfolio websites for clients, improving user engagement by 20%.
- Delivered mobile-first, accessible designs, resulting in a 100% satisfaction rate from clients.

**Data Annotation Specialist — Los Angeles, CA**                                                  Apr 2024 - Aug 2024 (Hybrid)
*AI Model Trainer — Python, JavaScript, PyTorch, Roboflow*

- Annotated over 5,000 images and datasets, increasing AI model accuracy by 15%.
- Automated repetitive annotation tasks with Python scripts, cutting manual work by 40%.
- Improved data consistency by establishing robust quality assurance workflows.

**Al Mailam and S. — Kuwait City, Kuwait**                                                      Jun 2022 - Jan 2024 (Remote)
*Full Stack Developer Intern — HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Node.js*

- Assisted in redesigning corporate website layouts, enhancing user navigation and reducing bounce rates.
- Streamlined document workflows, cutting retrieval time by 50%.
- Upgraded IT backup and security systems, ensuring reliable and protected data storage.

## PROJECTS

**Fit-Fuel (Senior Capstone Project)** *Typescript, React-Native, Node.js, Firebase*

- Designed and integrated a robust Firebase architecture, enabling real-time updates for 50+ beta testers.
- Developed meal tracking and exercise planning features, enhancing user retention.

**ClearWeather** *Swift, Xcode, WeatherKit*

- Developed a personalized iOS weather app for 200+ users, leveraging CoreLocation for accurate forecasts.

**Secure File Transfer System** *Python, Sockets, Multithreading*

- Built a secure client-server system supporting resumable file transfers and simultaneous connections.

**Video Compressor** *Python, FFmpeg*
**Spotify to Apple Music Transfer** *Python, REST APIs*
**TicTacToe** *Python, Pygame*
**Blackjack Game** *Python, Termcolor*
**Barbershop Website** *HTML, CSS, Firebase*

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

**Programming Languages:** Python, JavaScript, Swift, C++, HTML, CSS, SQL
**Frameworks:** React Native, Node.js, Django, Flask
**Tools:** Git, FFmpeg, Tableau, Firebase, Microsoft Graph API
**Technologies:** REST APIs, OCR, WeatherKit, Agile Methodologies
**Soft Skills:** Team Collaboration, Communication, Project Management

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