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EDUCATION

Florida International University | Miami, FL

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

• Dean's List: September 2022 - August 2024

Expected December 2025

GPA: 3.79

SKILLS

Programming: Java, C, C#, Python, Javascript, SQL, HTML/CSS

Frameworks & Libraries: Spring, Springboot, JUnit, Jotai, .NET, Typescript, React, Gatsby, Node.js, Tailwind, Selenium, Flask Tools & Technologies: Apache Kafka, GraphQL, PostgreSQL, Docker, RabbitMQ, MongoDB, Kubernetes, Postman, Twilio, Maven

WORK EXPERIENCE

UKG (Ultimate Kronos Group) | Weston, FL

Software Developer Intern | Notifications Team

September 2024 - December 2024

- Developing microservice using **Java** to automate renewal of **Kafka** authentication certificates affecting over **300+ Spring Boot** microservices spanning multiple teams, significantly reducing developer hours and manual intervention.
- Implementing and maintaining unit tests using **JUnit** to ensure the reliability and functionality of the automated Kafka certificate renewal process.

BlackRock | San Francisco, CA

Software Developer Intern | Aladdin Engineering Team

June 2024 - August 2024

- Engineered and implemented real-time data synchronization service using Java and Spring Boot, leveraging
 WebSockets to replace polling-based updates with push notifications, resulting in significant improvement of data
 accuracy and responsiveness of Aladdin Trader application.
- Collaborated with intern team to enhance user interface by integrating real-time update functionality using TypeScript
 and React, leveraging existing Jotai state management to efficiently handle live data updates, increasing data
 freshness and improving overall user experience.
- Analyzed existing GraphQL infrastructure to identify key data points for WebSocket integration, collaborating with Aladdin Engineering team to document findings and plan future enhancements.
- Automated internal authentication process with Python and Selenium, streamlining workflow and reducing manual effort for team members.

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September 2023 - December 2023

Software Developer Intern | Payroll Team

- Optimized **SQL** database queries and stored procedures affecting more than **30** SSRS reports, resulting in **72%** reduction in report generation times.
- Hosted knowledge-transfer workshops for intern team, expediting solution deployment, and partnered with international legacy teams and the principal engineer to resolve widespread bug affecting multiple reports.
- Designed and implemented automated tests using C# and NUnit framework to efficiently detect and document potential testing failures.

PROJECTS

TEKKEN 8 Player Statistics Website

August 2024 - Present

- Designed and developed a scalable web application using **Java**, **Spring Boot**, and **MongoDB** to aggregate and analyze over **150 million** Tekken 8 player match statistics with over **500K** unique players.
- Implemented reactive/asynchronous programming model with **WebFlux** and **RabbitMQ**, utilizing **multithreading** to significantly improve application's performance to handle high traffic and concurrent requests.
- Designed interactive frontend with **React**, **TypeScript** and **Jotai** for state management, enabling real-time updates of player statistics throughout website.
- Containerized entire application using **Docker**, enabling easy deployment and management of dependencies and services.