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### **Education:**

George Mason University College of Engineering and Computing

Accelerated Master's in Computer Science with a Concentration in Machine Learning

**George Mason University Honors College GPA: 3.8** Bachelor's in Applied Computer Science with a Concentration in Software Engineering

Relevant Coursework: Software Engineering, Data Structures and Algorithms, Object Oriented Programming, Database Concepts

**Governor's School at Innovation Park** August 2020 - June 2022

Accelerated Dual Enrollment STEM Program in collaboration with George Mason University

**Technical Skills:** 

Languages: Python, Java, JavaScript, Typescript, Go, CSS, HTML, C, SOL, R

Design/Programming Concepts: Object Oriented Programming, Data Structures and Algorithms, Low Level

Programming (Linux/Unix CLI), Agile, Docker, CI/CD, REST APIs

Tools/Frameworks: React, Next.js, Git/GitHub, MongoDB, Node.js, PostgreSQL, AWS, Visual Studio Code, Postman,

Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Teams), IntelliJ, Autodesk, RStudio

#### **Experience:**

#### **Undergraduate Teaching Assistant**

August 2023 – Present

August 2025 – Expected June 2026

August 2022 – Expected June 2025

- Facilitated the learning journey of over 400+ students enrolled in CS 112: Introduction to Programming by providing personalized support, clarifying programming fundamentals, and guiding Python implementation through lab and project assignments.
- Managed class discussion boards, addressing inquiries regarding course topics and logistics promptly, fostering an engaging learning environment for a large and diverse student body.

## Cognizant: Generative AI Externship - Extern

**June 2024 – August 2024** 

- Developed technical skills in Python for AI & Generative AI through a self-paced virtual program. Learning to create innovative AI-driven applications through foundational training in Python programming and introductions to Gen AI.
- Earned certificates in Python and Generative AI upon completion.
- Learned to use tools like PyTorch and Hugging Face to customize pre-trained models for specific use cases.

### AT&T: Technology Academy - Extern

**July 2023 – August 2023** 

Gained experience with a variety of technologies, including cloud computing, big data, and cybersecurity.

#### **Projects:**

GMU Course Search & Scheduler (Source) | Go, Next. js, MongoDB, Cloud Run, Docker

**July 2024** 

- Developed a scalable class search system for George Mason University (30,000+ students) enabling seamless course scheduling. Implemented a MongoDB database with efficient search queries for course & scheduling data management.
- Built a **RESTful API** backend using **Go** deployed on **Google Cloud Run**. Created a user-friendly frontend with Next.js deployed on Vercel. Automated continuous integration with GitHub Actions and Docker for efficient deployments.

PumpUp AI Exercise Tracker (Source) | Next.js, OpenAI, MongoDB, Pinecone Vector DB **June 2024** 

- Designed and implemented a responsive, user-centric interface for PumpUp, an innovative AI-powered workout tracker, using **Next.js** inspired by my first react project a **MERN** Stack Exercise Tracker.
- Developed robust APIs to manage exercise data and AI interactions and MongoDB for optimized data storage and scalability.
- Integrated Pinecone with the OpenAI API to deliver precise AI responses, including detailed exercise information, progress tracking, personalized feedback, and nutrition advice based on the user's workout routine and tracked exercises.

### **NBA PPG Prediction Model** (Source) | *Next.js, Flask, Scikit-Learn*

March 2024

- Created a prediction model to predict a player's points per game (PPG) stat for the upcoming 2024-2025 season based on their PPG from the past 3 seasons (2022-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024).
- Used a Linear Regression model using scikit-learn to combine a player's data from all three seasons to help predict their PPG in the upcoming 2024-2025 season.
- Utilized **Flask** to connect backend model with a responsive Next.js frontend.

# **Next.js Weather App Project** (Source) | *Next.js, React, Weather APIs*

February 2024

- Developed interactive Weather Application website using Next.js and Tailwind, ensuring a visually appealing user interface.
- Integrated Open Weather API and Open Meteo API to provide comprehensive and accurate weather information to users.
- Implemented server-side rendering (SSR) with Next.js for optimized performance and swift data delivery, deploying the application on Vercel for global accessibility and streamlined deployment management.