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Education

University of California, Santa Cruz

September 2022 - June 2025

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Santa Cruz, CA

GPA: 3.96/4.0

Relevant Coursework: Data Structures & Algorithms, (CodePath) Intro to Web Development, C Programming, Machine Learning, Computer Architecture, Computer Systems & Assembly

Extracurriculars: UCSC GDSC, UCSC ACM, IBM Accelerate Participant, CodePath Fellow

Skills

Languages: Python, JavaScript, HTML/CSS

Frameworks: React

Tools: Firebase, MongoDB, Flask, SQLite, Git, GitHub, Ubuntu

Concepts: Software Engineering, Full Stack

Experience

IBM Accelerate Program Participant

June 2024 – July 2024

IBM

Remote

- Out of over 10,000 applications this year, selected to be part of the Software Track in the 8-week IBM Accelerate Program, placing in the top 5% of the cohort

Full Stack Software Engineer Intern

April 2024 – Present

Innovate Mobile

Remote

- Improved data retrieval speed for restaurant email content by 40% by migrating from SQLite to MongoDB
- Enhanced data processing automation by 25% through backend email scraping and user data integration using Python
- Boosted user engagement by 30% by implementing React pages that dynamically adapt to user preferences
- Achieved a 30% reduction in manual intervention by streamlining the development workflow with the implementation of CRON jobs

Projects

SelfTour - Itinerary App | *TypeScript, React, Firebase, Firestore, Tailwind*

April 2024

- Achieved a 50% reduction in itinerary planning time for users navigating congested cities like San Francisco by engineering a streamlined user experience
- Increased application responsiveness by 20% compared to previous iterations by developing frontend and backend functionalities using TypeScript and Node.js
- Reduced database query latency by 25% and improved overall application performance by integrating Firebase for data management
- Accelerated design iteration cycles by 40% and ensured rapid implementation of user feedback by utilizing Figma for prototyping

SmokeScreen - Blocker for Content | *JavaScript, Chrome Storage API*

November 2023

ACM Hacks x Grace Hacks - Most Ambitious Award

- Accelerated the development timeline of a Google Chrome extension by 30% through streamlining the workflow with agile methodologies.
- Improved the backend functionality using the Chrome Storage API and JavaScript to allow users to save their phrases
- Strengthened the functionality of the extension by 50% through meticulously debugging issues to make sure the specified content is blocked

SpotYt - Spotify to Youtube Playlist Converter | *Python, YouTube Music API, Exportify*

June - August 2023

- Developed a custom Python automation tool to streamline playlist conversion by utilizing the YouTube Music API and Exportify
- Automated playlist conversion to reduce the time needed to add songs on average by 40% and benchmarked this for various album sizes ranging from 100-1000 songs
- Enforced CRUD functionalities to improve the user experience by implementing robust data specification checks