

VARUN KANNA

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Education

University of California, Santa Cruz

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

GPA: 3.96/4.00

Expected Graduation June 2026

Santa Cruz, CA

Relevant Coursework: Computer Systems and C Programming, Data Structures & Algorithms, Computer Architecture, (CodePath) Web Development

Activities: UCSC Google Student Developer Club, UCSC Association for Computing Machinery

Skills

Front End: JavaScript, TypeScript, Tailwind CSS, HTML, CSS

Back End: Python, Node.js, Express, MongoDB, Firebase

Testing/Deployment: Jest, Jenkins, MinIO, Locust

Developer Tools: Git, Vite, Netlify, GitHub

Work Experience

SS&C Advent

Software Engineer Intern

San Francisco, CA

July 2024 – September 2024

- Enhanced performance test visualization by developing Python scripts that condensed 242+ graphs into one report
- Developed a Jenkins pipeline to automate ETL, cutting manual effort by 83.4% and execution time by 33s
- Optimized performance test reporting by automating outdated file removal in MinIO, reducing storage usage by 27%
- Presented AI-assisted testing proof-of-concept by researching tools to demonstrate AI's potential in test automation

IBM

Accelerate Program Participant - Software Track

Remote

June 2024 – July 2024

- Completed an 8-week program on Front-End, Back-End, REST APIs, Generative AI, and Cloud Native Development
- Built a task app with React, Node.js, and MongoDB with real-time updates and a streamlined user experience

Innovate Mobile

Full Stack Software Engineer Intern

Remote

April 2024 – June 2024

- Developed a full-stack web application using MongoDB, Express.js, React, and Node.js for an aggregator app
- Managed the migration of 6,103+ data entries from SQLite to MongoDB, enhancing query performance by 64.8%
- Directed modeling of data and API endpoints for seamless integration between front-end and back-end systems
- Enhanced data processing automation by 14s through email scraping and user data integration using Python
- Maintained unit tests for the existing codebase, increasing code coverage to 65.6% and reducing bugs by 32.7%

Projects

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

- Engineered an app linking travel planners and travelers for AI-assisted itinerary planning and route optimization
- Achieved a 41s reduction in itinerary planning time for users in congested cities with a streamlined user experience
- Increased application responsiveness by 26.8% by developing frontend and backend using React and Node.js
- Improved overall performance by integrating Firebase for data management and TypeScript for data validation

SmokeScreen - Blocker for Content | JavaScript, Chrome Storage API

- Pioneered a Chrome extension to block specified content, improving efficiency by 33.7% using agile methodologies
- Strengthened the functionality of the extension by debugging 54+ edge cases to ensure content is blocked properly

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

- Created a Python tool to automate playlist conversion, achieving 91.3% success across 20 playlists
- Streamlined playlist conversion, reducing song addition times by 45.5% on average for albums with 100-1000 songs
- Enforced CRUD functionalities and implemented data checks, which reduced processing times by 36s