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## Education

The College of New Jersey (TCNJ), Ewing, NJ

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Minor in Interactive Multimedia

May 2025

GPA: 3.99 / 4

## Skills

**Languages:** Javascript, Typescript, Python, Java, PHP, C, C++, C#

**Tools & Frameworks:** React, Next.js, Node.js, Express, Flask, jQuery, TailwindCSS, Bootstrap, Unity, MATLAB

**Frontend Tools:** HTML, CSS, Yarn, NPM, Material UI, FontAwesome

**Backend Tools:** Git/GitHub, PostgreSQL, MySQL, MongoDB, Redis, Firebase

**Other Skills:** Problem Solving, Public Speaking, Collaboration, Leadership, Academic Writing

## Work and Research Experience

- **National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)**, Boulder, CO *June 2024 - Aug 2024*  
SURF Research Fellow - Statistical Engineering Division
  - Developed a web application for dynamically calculating microbial Limits of Detection (LOD)
  - Improved performance and accessibility of existing web applications through consultation
  - Developed a tool for generating future web applications for statistical models
- **Department of Computer Science, TCNJ**, Ewing, NJ *Sept 2024 - Present*  
Computer Science Department Drop-In Tutor  
Computer Science Peer Mentor - Computer Science I, Data Structures *Sept 2023 - Dec 2024*  
Researcher (VR) - Dr. S.M.S. Ferdous *Jan 2022 - July 2023*
  - Developed an online data management portal for cybersickness studies in a team
  - Conducted and managed a study in cybersickness data collection
  - Collected and analyzed electroencephalogram (EEG) data in VR using *Unity*, *MATLAB*, and *Python* to develop standardized processes of data analysis for cybersickness research
- **TCNJ Tutoring Center**, Ewing, NJ *Sept 2023 - Dec 2023*  
Tutor
  - Courses tutored: Data Structures, Discrete Structures, Computer Architecture, Analysis of Algorithms, Operating Systems, Web Design

## Conference Presentations and Papers

- "Visualsickness: A web application to record and organize cybersickness data." E. Topper, P. Arroyave, S.M.S. Ferdous. *2023 IEEE Conference on Virtual Reality and 3D User Interfaces*. Shanghai, China (Virtual). 25-29 March 2023. Corresponding manuscript: 10.1109/VRW58643.2023.00104.
- "Initial feasibility study of a child friendly animated cybersickness questionnaire." P. Arroyave, E. Topper, M. Kahora, S.M.S. Ferdous. *ACM CHI 2023*. Hamburg, Germany. 23-28 April 2023.

## Projects and Collaborations

- [Portfolio](#) - Portfolio website built in *Next.js* and *MongoDB*, which showcases my project work
- [List n' Learn](#) - Visually-accessible flashcard application, built collaboratively in *React* with *MongoDB*
- [WordAround](#) - Wordle-like puzzle game that challenges players to guess letters in a circularly-oriented word; developed in *HTML*, *CSS*, and *JavaScript*

Links and more detailed information on these and other projects can be found at [xaridar.github.io/projects](https://xaridar.github.io/projects).

## Honors and Awards

TCNJ Computer Science Dean's List (Fall 2021 - Fall 2024); TCNJ Computer Science Third Year Award - 2024; Phi Kappa Phi - 2024; Upsilon Pi Epsilon - 2023; TCNJ Computer Science Second Year Award - 2023; TCNJ Computer Science First Year Award - 2022; HackTCNJ Best Hack - 2022

## Leadership Positions

- **TCNJ Japanese Student Association**, Ewing, NJ  
President (100+ members, 10 board members) *Apr 2024 - Present*  
Treasurer (managed a \$30,000 budget) *Apr 2023 - May 2024*  
Fundraising Co-Chair (fundraised over \$1,800) *Apr 2022 - May 2023*
- **Upsilon Pi Epsilon Honor Society**, Ewing, NJ  
Vice President *Sept 2024 - Present*  
Secretary *Sept 2023 - May 2024*