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EDUCATION

University of California, Santa Cruz – Santa Cruz, CA

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Bachelor of Science in Computer Science: Game Design, Minor in Computer Science

Relevant coursework: Data Structures and Algorithms, UI/UX design, Game Systems, Computer Systems and C programming, Computer Architecture, Game AI

Honors & Awards: Co-Authored Environmental & Climate Justice in Computing

SKILLS & CERTIFICATIONS

- **Skills**: Python, C, C++, Node.js, CSS, HTML, p5.js, Javascript, Phaser3, Unity, C#, Unreal Engine, Photoshop, Large Language Models, Microsoft Office, Figma, Adobe Illustrator, Prompt Engineering
- Certifications: The Complete Python Bootcamp From Zero to Hero in Python, CodePath CYB102 course

EXPERIENCE

Game User Interaction and Intelligence Lab-Research Assistant | Santa Cruz, CA April 2023-Present

- Accomplished the successful development and launch of a Unity-based platformer game rooted in ethnographic research.
- Successfully integrated OpenAI and Teachable Machine for user speech and gesture capture, enhancing
 user interaction through API calls and a Flask app for WebGL compatibility, resulting in a unique and
 immersive experience within the game.

Mathnasium- Instructor | Santa Cruz, CA

October 2022 - Present

- Collaboratively addressed students' homework challenges, identified skill gaps, and fostered open communication to ensure their academic progress.
- Effectively communicated complex mathematical concepts through technology and interactive aids, adapting teaching methods based on student feedback to create an engaging learning environment.
- Supported teacher instruction by collaborating with fellow instructors, communicating with parents, and contributing to curriculum improvement through solid teamwork.

PROJECTS

Shloka - Research Assistant/ Lead Game Developer | Team of Game User Intelligence Lab led by Dr. Magy Seif El-Nasr

<u>View Project</u>

- Conducted in-depth research based on user interactions with the game, focusing on three main areas: the effectiveness of the game in promoting religious habit formation, the impact of the game's religious mechanics on traditional religious mechanics, the differences between standard climate change games and games combining religious and climate change elements.
- Utilized: Unity, Whisper, Teachable Machine, Firefly, C#, Python, Flask, HTML, CSS

Online Crossword | Team of Game User Intelligence Lab led by Dr. Magy Seif El-Nasr View Project

- Created an interactive online crossword puzzle that incorporated clickable boxes for user answers, measured by providing immediate feedback on answer correctness, all achieved by implementing a front end that validated user responses.
- Utilized: Python, Node.js, HTML, CSS, Git

LEADERSHIP & AFFILIATIONS

CodePath | Community Member | Remote

September 2023-Present June 2019-Present

National Youth Leadership Training | Senior Patrol Leader | San Jose, CA

• Led teams of youth participants through the NYLT program, fostering their leadership growth and personal development, measured by their successful application of newly acquired leadership skills in real-life scenarios, such as planning and executing service projects within their scouting units.