ALEX ZAHARIA

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EDUCATION

Seattle University

Seattle, WA

Master of Science in Computer Science (Data Science)

March 2025 - Present

California Polytechnic State University

San Luis Obispo, CA

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

September 2020 - August 2024

CERTIFICATES

Google Project Management

March 2025

Project Initiation, Planning, & Execution, Agile Project Management

Snowflake Hands-On Essentials

March 2025

 $Data\ Warehousing,\ Costs\ \ \&\ Collaboration,\ Streamlit,\ Data\ Lakes,\ Data\ Engineering$

EXPERIENCE

Computer Science Tutor

June 2023 - Present

 $Logic\ Lab$

Greater Seattle Area

Empowered 30+ students to reach their academic computer science goals through personalized tutoring.

Hackathon Participant

February 2025

RevereXR Storytelling Hackathon

Seattle, WA

- Storyboarded a VR game on Google Slides to bring Lewis Rudd's story of Ezelle's Famous Chicken's to life.
- Prototyped an AI MVP to break down narratives into social media captions and images using GPT-4 and DALL-E.

Real Estate Intern

June 2022 – August 2022

206 Realty

Bellevue, WA

- Optimized database schemas and data pipelines, improving reporting efficiency.
- Analyzed client data and built a Python lead prioritization tool, increasing conversion rates by 28%.
- Executed 2,000+ cold calls.

Projects

Gridiron GPT

April 2024 – August 2024

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

- Built a fantasy football analytics toolkit that assisted in winning 2 out of 3 leagues, earning \$1,000.
- Deployed a Python data pipeline to ETL 300,000+ NFL records daily from 10+ sources into a Supabase database.
- Engineered a search tool leveraging the OpenAI API to convert user input into PostgreSQL queries.
- Developed an XGBoost-based machine learning model to generate player projections and analyze matchups.

Haggle

January 2024 – June 2024

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

- Collaborated in an Agile team of 5 to create a full-stack online marketplace.
- Managed the product backlog on GitHub, monitoring project progress and resource allocation.
- Wrote user stories and created UML and Figma models for frontend/backend designs.
- Engineered user authentication integrating GCP OAuth, nodemailer, JWT, and bcrypt.
- Built chat rooms and inboxes with TalkJS for real-time user interaction.
- Implemented unit testing with Jest, TDD, and managed CI/CD pipelines for Azure deployment.

SKILLS

Soft Skills: Leadership, Adaptability, Decision-Making, Problem-Solving, Collaboration, Resilience

Project Management: OpenAI, Cursor, Suno, Midjourney **Programming:** Python, Java, C, JavaScript, TypeScript, SQL (PostgreSQL, MySQL, SQLite)

Web Development: React, Next.js, Node.js, Express.js, FastAPI, Tailwind CSS, Vite

Data & Machine Learning: Scikit-learn, Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib, Web Scraping (BeautifulSoup, Selenium)

Cloud & DevOps: GCP, AWS, Azure, Snowflake, Supabase, Vercel

AI tools: OpenAI, Cursor, Suno, Midjourney