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EDUCATION

Oregon State University

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science | 3.98 GPA

Corvallis, OR

Expected August 2026

EXPERIENCE

Computer Science Peer Educator

October 2025 – Present

College of Engineering, Oregon State University

Corvallis, OR

- Improved student proficiency in programming logic and algorithms by tutoring Computer Science concepts and bridging knowledge gaps across languages using guided problem-solving and conceptual questioning
- Increased student effectiveness in solving programming problems by analyzing and debugging code, explaining algorithmic reasoning, and applying foundational CS concepts
- Maintained academic integrity and an engineering mindset by guiding students through solutions using targeted questions rather than providing direct answers

Web Assistant

June 2024 - July 2025

OSU Beaver Store

Corvallis, OR

- Processed 70–300+ weekly orders with high accuracy, adapting to seasonal workload fluctuations.
- Edited 500+ product photos and uploaded hundreds of listings, ensuring consistent formatting and collaborating with the Website Specialist to maintain web content quality.
- Reviewed and managed thousands of digital product listings to ensure accuracy, formatting consistency, and up-to-date availability across the online catalog.

PROJECTS

CatCall | JavaScript, React, Node.js, Express, Docker, MongoDB, Tailwind CSS

- Built a full-stack Tinder-style cat adoption app with uploads, likes, and profile matching to connect adopters with cats more efficiently.
- Increased scalability and maintainability by containerizing backend services with a Docker-based Node.js microservice architecture.
- Developed a location and preference-based recommendation engine using geocoding, scoring, and filtering to improve adoption matches.

Issue Navigator | JavaScript, HTML, CSS

- Accelerated GitHub issue and PR workflows by designing a Chrome extension with keyboard shortcuts and advanced filtering, reducing navigation time for contributors and maintainers
- Enhanced usability for active repositories by integrating the GitHub API with optional OAuth 2.0 authentication, extending rate limits and allowing smoother navigation through thousands of issues and pull requests
- Improved speed and reliability through local data caching with Chrome storage, enabling fast, secure, and consistent browsing sessions.

CAT Label Maker | Python, fpdf2

- Designed a command-line tool to generate printable PDF labels with product codes and images, streamlining organization in small retail backstock rooms
- Reduced paper waste by implementing a two-column A4 layout in fpdf2, improving efficiency and maximizing label output per sheet
- Simplified workflows with a consistent, user-friendly format for batch label creation and inventory organization

SKILLS

Languages: JavaScript, Python, C/C++, HTML/CSS, SQL

Frameworks: React, Astro, Express, Node.js, Tailwind CSS

Databases: MongoDB, MySQL

Developer Tools: Git, GitHub, VS Code, Linux, Docker, Vite, Vitest, Ngix