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Speaking Languages: English (Native), Mandarin Chinese (Fluent), German (Intermediate)

Coding Languages: Python, R, SQL, Java, JavaScript, JSON, C, C++

Certifications: AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner, MOS: Microsoft Excel Associate, MOS: Microsoft Access Expert

Education

Columbia University - Master of Science in Applied Analytics

January 2025 – May 2026

College of DuPage - Data Analytics Certificate

August 2024 – On Leave

Cumulative GPA: 4.0

Fall 2024 Academic Honors

University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign - Bachelor of Science in Astronomy

August 2020 - May 2024

Computer Science Minor, Physics Minor

Cumulative GPA: 3.65

Fall 2021 Dean's List

Experience

HomeGoods Retail Associate

August 2024 –
December 2024

- Gained genuine working experience with the general public
- Experienced working with different coworkers and adapting to their attitudes while on-duty
- Learned how scheduling and responsibility functions in a work environment

Intro to Astrophysics (ASTR210) Course Grader and Astronomy Department Tutor

Jan 2023 - May 2024

- Increasing efficiency in working, particularly in making calculations and grasping key concepts from reading
- Reviewing vital knowledge for astronomy research
- Helping students learn and become familiar with terms and concepts crucial to continued study in astronomy

Field Museum Discovery Squad Volunteer

June 2022 – On Leave

- Improving public speaking skills presenting specimens and artifacts to museum visitors
- Gauging interest, maintaining positive body language and interactions, and adapting to visitor needs
- Commuting and working independently and on a team of volunteers and staff

Projects

Library Database and UI (Database Application Project)

November – December 2024

- Using Microsoft Access, created a database and accompanying UI to add, edit, and search books by title, author, and topic

System Programming Projects

August – December 2023

- Implemented a chatroom utilizing client-server architecture, C Shell terminal, and various C utilities in C while learning the language

GenreExplorer (Data Structures Final Project)

October – December 2021

- With two other classmates over 6 weeks, created a graph of interconnected music genres and an interface to search and visualize the graph
- Improved collaborative project development skills and learned how to formally organize a group to complete a coding project

Software Design Studio Projects

January – May 2021

- Created among other things an ideal gas simulation, C++ linked list structure, and simplified drawing program akin to Microsoft Paint
- Learned C++ and tools such as CMake through active use of the language

What To Order (Intro to CS Machine Project)

October – December 2020

- Over the course of several weeks implemented an Android application in Java that allowed the user to search local restaurants by name, price, and food category
- Established client-server architecture in the application with a review function