Zhiwen Huang

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Work Experience

Freelance Software Developer | Dapper Limo Lax

Mar 2025 - Present

- Designed and developed a fully responsive, production-ready website for a Los Angeles based luxury limo company
- Built the frontend using React and Tailwind CSS, emphasizing performance, mobile accessibility, and visual clarity
- Developed a backend server with Node is, Express, and MongoDB to handle bookings, user settings, and admin settings
- Deployed the site on Vercel with a custom domain, serverless functions, optimizing load time and SEO performance

Senior Software Engineer | UnrealVideo.ai

Dec 2024 - Present

- Built a full-stack AI video generation platform using React and Tailwind CSS for a modern, responsive UI
- Developed a backend system using Express that integrated MongoDB for data storage and authentication workflow
- Implemented features including automatic scene detection and manual trimming to streamline video editing
- Integrated a payment structure of tokens and used Stripe for payment in the scene detection application

Software Engineer III | Synapse

Mar 2022 - Jul 2022

- Deployed and maintained Ethereum full nodes on AWS, improving blockchain access speed and transaction reliability
- Built a multi-chain custodial wallet supporting Ethereum, Solana, and Polygon, enabling seamless cross-chain asset management and trading
- Automated Polygon node infrastructure using Terraform, reducing setup time and improving deployment consistency
- Created system architecture diagrams for Ethereum trading flows, accelerating team onboarding and aligning cross-functional development

Blockchain Engineer | Icered

Nov 2021 - Feb 2022

- Developed a custom ERC-20 token with admin-signed minting, enabling secure token issuance based on mobile app activity
- Built Solidity smart contracts and a backend for a NFT exchange, supporting lazy minting and off-chain message signing
- Integrated the NFT marketplace with Ethereum, storing transactional and smart contract data in MongoDB for persistence
- Researched and outlined a centralized crypto exchange architecture for Bitcoin, Ethereum, and ERC-20 tokens
- Used Docker to streamline backend workflows, ensuring consistent development and test environments across teams

Blockchain Engineer | Darwins

Jun 2021 - Nov 2021

- Developed an ERC-721 smart contract with lazy minting to efficiently deliver tokenized user rewards with reduced gas costs
- Led the migration from Layer-1 to Layer-2, implementing batch transactions to improve scalability and reduce fees
- Built full-stack features for ERC-721 minting and transfers within a DeFi application, including user dashboards
- Created smart contracts for NFT trading functionality, supporting buy-sell, auction, and offer mechanics for ERC-721 tokens
- Built reusable Angular 2 front-end components and designed Hapi is API routes for seamless blockchain interactions
- Developed a generative art NFT smart contract for a 7,000-piece collection, now actively traded on OpenSea

Backend Developer | Halo Platform

May 2018 - Aug 2018

- Integrated the 0x Protocol to enable decentralized peer-to-peer trading of ERC-20 tokens
- Engineered a cryptocurrency exchange backend with Node.js, supporting Bitcoin, Ethereum, and Halo tokens
- Wrote robust unit and integration tests using Mocha and Chai, ensuring high reliability of core trading features
- Collaborated in an Agile/Scrum workflow to rapidly ship features and maintain application stability

Projects

Decentralized Exchange

2024 - 2025

- Developed a Solidity smart contract using Truffle to securely handle ERC-20 token and Ether transfers
- Built a responsive React front-end that enables users to create, view, and manage trades directly on the blockchain
- Integrated wallet connectivity using Wagmi for seamless MetaMask and WalletConnect support

2016 - 2021

Built an Ethereum framework that is on npm using Node is for smart contract management and decentralized applications that has hundreds of users

Education

Codesmith

Los Angeles, CA

Software Engineering Immersive Program

Graduated: Sep 2016

Intensive program focused on advanced software engineering concepts and full-stack JavaScript development

University of Florida

Gainesville, FL

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Relevant Coursework: C++ Programming, Computer Programming for Engineers: MATLAB

Graduated: Dec 2014