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EDUCATION

Provo, UT Brigham Young University

Aug. 2016 - Dec. 2022

- B.S. in Computer Science, December 2022
- Undergraduate Coursework: Algorithms, Computational Theory, Software Engineering, Software Business, Computer Security, UI/UX Design, Web Design, Artificial Intelligence.

EMPLOYMENT

Software Developer

CE Showroom

Mar. 2023 - Current

- Worked as part of the developer team to build products, maintain databases, and test code.
- Became proficient with technologies such as Microsoft SQL Server, Jira, and ChatGPT.
- Worked as the main developer on a project that delivered a Python solution that improves product titles, descriptions, and categories from our database by using the new ChatGPT 4.0 API on 20,000+ products.
- Collaborated with team members often to brainstorm ideas, come up with solutions, and receive/give constructive criticism on code.

Lab Researcher

BYU Internet Security Lab

Aug. 2022 - Dec. 2022

- Performed research on end-to-end encryption.
- Studied codebase of over 30,000 lines to locate public/private keypairs and study how they are encrypted.
- Used Python to work on code that encrypts and decrypts messages.
- Reported work to other researchers in stand-ups.

Setter Verification

Blue Raven Solar

Aug. 2020 - Jan. 2023

- Verify customer qualifying information such as credit and income.
- Communicate with management across the country to assist in scheduling consultations.
- Assisted in training new team members on the operations and duties of our department.

Personal Projects

Personal Website | React, Tailwind CSS | https://zackmertzportfolio.netlify.app/

Check out my personal website I created for more info on my work.

Knights Code | React, Typescript | https://knightscode.natehroylance.com/#/home/register

- A web application that teaches beginners how to code.
- Startup project with over 50 customer interviews and 200 feedback responses received to guide the direction of development.
- Has multiple units including variables, loops, and functions for new learners.

Twitter Clone | Java, AWS - Lambda, DynamoDB, SQS

- A clone of Twitter with 14 social media features.
- Uses Amazon's AWS Lambda to link APIs for each feature of the app.
- Data stored and managed in DynamoDB, Amazon's non-relational database.
- Utilizes SQS to post statuses and allow the app to scale to over 20,000 users.
- Uses serverless event-driven architecture.

Languages and Technologies

- Java; Python; C++; C; SQL; JavaScript; HTML; CSS; React;
- PyCharm; Microsoft SMS; ChatGPT API; Visual Studio; AWS; Android Studio; Intellij;