# ZACHARY STEEN

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#### EXPERIENCE

**USAA**Software Engineer

San Antonio, TX Sep 2021 - Present

- Enhanced productivity for **33k unique employees monthly** by creating and deploying improved functional UI components with automated testing using **React** with **Redux**, in collaboration with designers
- Strengthened system security and legal compliance by pioneering a modernized *Instance-Based Security* infrastructure API, called 25M times per month
- Improved API performance and stability, handling **40M monthly calls**, by transitioning the *Enterprise Disclosure Widget* experience API from JBoss to the more efficient **Spring Boot** framework
- Delivered **annual savings of \$750k** by designing and developing a new *Conversant Admin Tool* which empowers non-technical staff to easily configure job-specific UI settings via **JSON files**
- Boosted business CRM software reliability to a 99% SLO, by developing the new modernized Conversant system

**USAA** 

San Antonio, TX

 $Software\ Engineer\ Intern$ 

May 2020 - Aug 2020

- Ensured legal compliance of **5M monthly transactions** by developing and supporting the *Enterprise Disclosure Widget*, a **React** with **Redux** UI component
- Reduced support requests by 30% and shortened the time-to-integrate for our consumer developers by creating a demo app of reusable integration/testing code for common flows with the UI component

Atriecon SDG

San Antonio, TX

IT Intern

May 2019 - Aug 2019

- Automated business-critical AutoCAD jobs on multi-million dollar projects for an architecture firm
- Reduced batch job run-time from 3 hours to 10 minutes by migrating legacy 16-bit C code to modern C++, eliminating the need for emulation

Projects

#### WatchExchanger.com SaaS Webapp

www.watchexchanger.com

 $Companion\ app\ for\ Reddit$ 's  $r/WatchExchange\ community$ 

- Sends thousands of notifications per month to a growing user base via AWS SES and SNS
- Built on AWS, has a React interface for users to subscribe to topics, then consumes the Reddit API via a Lambda Step Function serverless backend to send all relevant emails/texts in less than a minute
- Integrates Stripe as a payment processor via Webhooks and AWS SQS

## Microsoft HoloLens Eye-Tracking Research

www.github.com/zsteen13/HoloLensResearch

Department sponsored augmented reality research with applications in logistics and warehousing

- Utilizes user eye-gaze to decrease frequency of robot-human collisions by 80%, in Unity via C#
- ullet Decreased run-time of A\* path-finding algorithm from 25ms to 11ms with heap-optimization
- Top featured project at the Texas A&M 2021 Engineering Project Showcase out of over 200 teams

## Participation Tracker Webapp

www.github.com/zsteen13/EH\_ExComm\_Participation\_Tracker

Point tracker app currently used by the Texas A&M University Engineering Honors department

• Automates department's tracking of participation status for hundreds of students, via Ruby on Rails

#### SKILLS

Languages Java, JavaScript, HTML/CSS, GraphQL/SQL, Python, LATEX Frameworks Spring Boot (JUnit/Mockito), React (Redux/RTL), PyTorch

Tools AWS (CloudWatch, Cognito, DynamoDB, Lambda, SES/SNS), Git, Jira, Splunk, Elastic, Postman

Certifications AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner, Git, React (Design Patterns, Hooks)

#### EDUCATION

## University of Texas

Austin, TX

Master of Science in Computer Science, GPA: 3.90

Aug 2021 - Present

# Texas A&M University

College Station, TX
Aug 2017 - May 2021

Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering with Honors, GPA: 3.87

Minors in Business and Mathematics

Dean's Honor Roll, Departmental Awards and Scholarships