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Education & Awards

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (Double B.S. in Computer Science & Mathematics)

Aug 2022 - May 2024

- GPA: 4.0
- Awards: US Congressional App Challenge Winner, USACO Gold Division

Skills & Technologies

Skills: JavaScript, Typescript, Python, C++, React, React Native, Java, Redux, PHP, NodeJS, HTML/CSS, SASS

Technologies: MongoDB, MySQL, Firebase/Firestore, Figma, Google Cloud Platform, Kubernetes, Docker, Git/Github, Vim

Experience

Fiveable, Software Engineer (Full Time/Gap Year, fiveable.me)

Sep 2021 - Aug 2022

- Architected and implemented low-level WebRTC voice and video calling functionality. Started as a proof-of-concept and then scaled to general availability on Google Kubernetes Engine.
- Reduced application load times by 20x on high-traffic pages by optimizing database queries, network requests, and re-renders.
- Refactored backend to a REST-ful API and automated tests with Jest and Puppeteer, improving performance and stability.
- Deployed and managed servers on Google Compute Engine for internal tools used company-wide.
- Designed and built user-facing features using Typescript, Next.js, React, Redux, Material UI, and MongoDB.

Art of Problem Solving, Teaching Assistant/Grader (Contractor, aops.com)

Aug 2021 - Present

- Assist twice a week in teaching online classes of 20-50 students answering questions, guiding students, and helping debug.
- Provide detailed logical and stylistic feedback to students' advanced math and Python solutions. Have graded introductory (Pre-Algebra, Geometry, Counting and Probability, etc.) to advanced (Calculus, WOOT, etc.) homework.

Bobcat Notify, Founder (Part Time, notify.samyok.us)

Nov 2019 - May 2021

- Published Android and iOS apps for Brookings High School students, staff, and parents for fast and reliable emergency alerts.
- Gained 2000+ downloads, more than 2.5x the number of students. The school district offered to purchase the app for every school.
- Collaborated with school administration and IT to deliver timely and relevant push notifications and in-app updates.
- Maintained an average rating of 4.9 stars across both app stores with over 50 reviews.

Scioly.org, Developer (Part Time, scioly.org)

Sep 2019 - Aug 2022

- Developed custom PHP image gallery and file storage server to be used by more than 68,000 registered users.
- Implemented an image optimization service to reduce image file sizes by up to 80% and serve at the edge.

Technical Projects

Anony.news, 3rd @ Hack for Humanity 2022 (github)

Python (OpenCV), FFmpeg, Next.js, MongoDB, Docker

- Used OpenCV and OpenFace to detect, identify, and selectively blur all unrecognized faces in real time.
- Automatically deployed to DigitalOcean droplets using Docker Compose and GitHub Actions.
- Implemented the frontend to connect to a RTMP proxy server with integrated streaming to Youtube (or any other RTMP endpoint).

Lecture.ninja, 2nd (Remote Learning) @ TAMUHack 2022 (github)

Python (OpenCV, FastAPI), Next.js, Docker

- Parsed user-uploaded lecture videos to create an interactive transcript interlaced with parsed slides from the video.
- Leveraged OpenCV to extract lecture slides and Google Cloud Speech APIs for transcription via a FastAPI microservice.
- Built frontend to upload video files to Google Cloud Storage and then fetch relevant data from a MongoDB instance.

Dakota Debate Institute, Summer 2021-2022 (dakotadebate.org)

Next.js, Chakra, Express, MongoDB

- Founded and directed a 501(c)3 nonprofit to run a week-long, overnight debate summer camp with over 45 students and 10 staff.