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Experience

Lead Software Engineer @ Vista Power

Nov 2024 – Present // San Francisco, CA

- Founding engineer at YC-backed Vista Power, directed software strategy across product, infrastructure, and data systems
- Built Multimeter, a utility data aggregation and enrichment platform that generates solar + storage proposals in minutes
- Delivered 95%+ accurate bill-processing pipeline using AI + OCR with logical redundancy checks, removed key proposal bottleneck
- Developed a Next.js UI for project management, entity linking, workflow kickoff, and visualization of synthetic energy usage data
- Architected a unified data plane with Hasura DDN, Temporal, Timescale DB, Docker, GCP, and Cloudflare Zero Trust

Project Manager & Software Engineer @ University of Illinois Chicago College of Engineering

Aug 2021 – May 2024 // Chicago, IL

- Organized a team of 6+ software engineers and contributed directly to 10+ full-stack web apps used by 3,000+
- Led the push towards web app modernization across the College using Nuxt, Next.js, Spring Boot, Vue, React, SQL, Auth0
- Single-handedly developed and published a Shibboleth (SAML SSO) to Express (Node.js) authentication package on npm
- Drafted and enforced university IT policies and procedures, identified data risks across all 500+ faculty and staff

Software Engineering Intern, Starship Software @ SpaceX

May 2023 – Aug 2023 // Starbase, TX

- Owned Starship Config Signoff, a critical flight reliability tool used by 100+ Starship engineers to validate 1M+ vehicle config values
- Spearheaded development of 10+ features into Signoff: rebuilt Flask APIs, new SQLAlchemy query structure, refreshed React UI
- Integrated a software version verification Python library concurrently into a Rust operations platform, reducing deploy time by 40%
- Built functioning UI mockups in Lit as part of Starship software deploys rework, participated in design conversations and CDRs

Digital Lead @ Steven Olikara for U.S. Senate

Apr 2022 – Aug 2022 // Milwaukee, WI

- Completely rebuilt campaign website from the ground up using Nuxt, Tailwind; visited by 1,000s of Wisconsinites daily
- Secured sensitive campaign data and digital infrastructure against cyber attacks using Cloudflare, NGP VAN
- Worked with a team of web developers and content creators to rapidly push media; took photographs in the field

Software Engineering Intern @ Montel Technologies

Nov 2017 – Sep 2018 // Loves Park, IL

- Frontend lead on an enterprise-grade, on-prem security unification solution (MTOP) built using Node.js, Handlebars, MongoDB
- Configured mission-critical SLA networks and IT infrastructure in the field; physically installed switches, IP cameras, access control
- Coordinated IoT devices R&D (Particle, Raspberry Pi, Cradlepoint) for use in 100's of deployed edge policing units across Rockford, IL

Education

University of Illinois Chicago

Aug 2020 – May 2024 // Chicago, IL

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Minor in Business Administration; 3.97 GPA

Skills

Languages TypeScript, JavaScript, Python, C, C++, Rust, Java, SQL, Bash, HTML, CSS

Software Git, AWS, GCP, Docker, Github Actions, Terraform, Node.js, Express, Flask, Postgres, MongoDB, Vue, React, Next.js

Specialties Leadership, UI/UX, APIs, Data Pipelines, Platform Infrastructure, Networking, Automation, Concurrency, IoT, CI/CD, IaC

Projects

Exploding Chickens @ chickens.rakerman.com

- A full-stack online card game built using Node.js with 1,750+ games played by 600+ players; led development and a team of 5
- Delivered 4 guest lectures at University of Illinois Chicago and SpaceX detailing project structure, schema, testing, viewed by 200+

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- A centralized user management backbone leveraging edge cloud compute, built using Cloudflare Workers, Nuxt, Auth0
- Saved and managed 100's of user profiles; API distributed for use across 10+ external services to keep profiles up-to-date