Zi Jun Wang

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EDUCATION

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics & Computer Science; GPA: 4.0

Technical Skills

Languages: JavaScript, HTML/CSS, C++, TypeScript, Python Frameworks & Libraries: Next.js, Astro, ReactJS, Node.js, TailwindCSS, Framer Motion, Auth.js Developer Tools: Git, Pocketbase, VS Code, Figma, Photoshop, Github, Vercel, Firebase, Docker

Experience

Undergraduate Research Assistant

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

- Developed prototype syllabus analysis tool using Gemini API, enhancing content accessibility for diverse learners.
- Analyzed **20**+ research papers on educational accessibility, synthesizing findings for innovative solutions.
- Pioneered AI-driven solutions to improve educational inclusivity for students with disabilities.
- Created a Python-based web scraper utilizing Google Sheets API to collect/analyze data from 800+ faculty profiles, enhancing research dataset comprehensiveness.

Software Engineer Intern

MarketMinks LLC

- Architected responsive websites using NextJS & Tailwind, boosting user engagement and client online presence.
- Applied advanced SEO practices, resulting in a 50% increase in organic traffic and a 40% improvement in search engine visibility.
- Spearheaded a cross-functional team of four students to optimize website features, implementing responsive design and performance enhancements, achieved a 25% reduction in bounce rates and enhancing user experience.
- Customized and deployed WordPress websites, tailoring themes/plugins to meet client business objectives.

Projects

NextGen Converter | *TypeScript*, *Auth.js*, *Firebase*, *FFmpeg*, *GeminiAPI* August 2024 – September 2024

- Executed client-side conversion using FFmpeg compiled to WebAssembly, reducing server-side load by 40%.
- Integrated Google's Gemini API to create a code converter for translating code files between languages.
- Utilized Auth. is for Google authentication and Firebase for real-time user data storage, enabling file size tracking and a competitive leaderboard.

UIC Blackboard Extension | JavaScript, HTML, CSS, Astro, ReactJS January 2024 – May 2024

- Designed a JavaScript extension to improve Blackboard functionality, increasing student engagement by 30% through enhanced search features.
- Crafted high-performance search feature using JavaScript and ReactJS, reducing course discovery time by 75%.
- Implemented JavaScript-based grade forecasting tool, enabling 95% accurate academic goal tracking.

FlameGrades | Next.js, ReactJS, TailwindCSS, Python

- Built a responsive web application with Next.js and TailwindCSS, increasing mobile user engagement by 35%.
- Automated a complex grade distribution system using Python, ensuring **99.9%** data accuracy.
- Constructed a ReactJS-powered search feature, reducing average search time from **45** to **5** seconds.
- Integrated a sophisticated GPA calculation system to facilitate data-driven academic decision-making.

Activities

Organizer

SparkHacks @ UIC

November 2023 – February 2024 Chicago, IL

November 2023 – March 2024

- Orchestrated hackathon attracting 400+ participants and 9 sponsors, securing \$35,000 in sponsorships.
- Formulated event web platform using Astro and ReactJS, increasing participant registrations by 100%.
- Enhanced the website's visual appeal with Framer Motion animations, improving design efficiency by 60%, creating an immersive online presence that increased user engagement.

Champaign, IL Expected: May 2027

August 2024 – Present

Remote

Champaign, IL

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