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EXPERIENCE

Google, Durham NC - Software Engineer, Site Reliability

Nov 2024 - Present

USAA, San Antonio TX — Software Engineer, Full-Stack

SEP 2021 - Oct 2024

Building functional UI components and high-scale backends for our new enterprise CRM app. Debugging and supporting 99% availability distributed systems while on-call. Working on a large, diverse team with developers, designers, and business experience owners. Contributed to our instance-based security system. Delivered large annual savings by creating an admin tool for job-role-capability configurations. JavaScript (React/RTL, Redux, Express), Java (Spring Boot/JUnit, JBoss, Kafka), HTML, CSS, AWS, Git, Jira, Splunk, Elastic, Datadog, Postman, SQL, GraphQL, Couchbase, Kubernetes (Helm), Docker, Envoy L7 Proxy

USAA, San Antonio TX — Software Engineer, Intern

MAY 2020 - AUG 2020

Created reusable integration/testing code snippets for common use cases of the *Enterprise Disclosure Widget* UI Component, leading to fewer help tickets opened by consumer devs. *JavaScript* (*React/RTL*, *Redux*), *HTML*, *CSS*, *Git*, *Jira*

Atriecon SDG, San Antonio TX — Software Developer

MAY 2019 - AUG 2019

Migrated and modernized legacy tools and batch jobs, drastically improving process efficiency for an architecture firm handling multi-million dollar construction projects. *C/C++*, *AutoCAD*

PROJECTS

WatchExchanger.com — SaaS Web App

Companion app for Reddit's r/WatchExchange community (352k users), sends members instant notifications via SMS/email. AWS SES/SNS/SQS/ Lambda/DynamoDB, React JavaScript, Stripe Webhooks, Reddit API

TAMU EH Participation Tracker — Web App

An event attendance tracker commissioned and used by the Engineering Honors org at Texas A&M University. *Ruby on Rails, Heroku*

EDUCATION

The University of Texas, Austin TX — Master of Science in Computer Science

AUG 2021 - MAY 2024

3.90 GPA, with a research focus on ML/DL/RL/NLP. Python, PyTorch, TensorFlow, C, Java, AWS, LaTeX

Texas A&M University, College Station TX – Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering

AUG 2017 - MAY 2021

3.86 GPA, with a research honors distinction and minors in business and mathematics. C/C++, Java, Python

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner Passed the official AWS exam in 2023.

Texas A&M Engineering Showcase Finalist Selected out of 200+ teams as an outstanding project, receiving a cash award and encored to Texas A&M Engineering corporate sponsors.

National Instrument Scholar Award Academic/merit scholarship awarded by National Instruments in 2020.

Herman F Heep, Robert M Kennedy '26 Endowed, and Shari and Carlton Smith Scholarships Recipient Three academic/merit scholarships awarded by Texas A&M Engineering in 2019/2020.