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EDUCATION

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill | Chapel Hill, NC

B.S. in Computer Science | Aug 2023 – May 2026

Relevant Coursework: Data Structures, Foundations of Programming, Linear Algebra, Discrete Mathematics, Introduction to Data Science & Econometrics, Intermediate Microeconomics

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Programming Languages (ordered by proficiency):** Python, Java, SQL, C++, HTML/CSS, JavaScript, Typescript
- **Frameworks/Tools:** React.js (Advanced), Node.js, Flask, IntelliJ, Eclipse, VSCode
- **Data & Analysis:** Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib, scikit-learn, JSON
- **Cloud & Deployment:** AWS (EC2, RDS), scalable application architecture, RESTful API design, Maven
- **Collaboration & Workflow:** Git, Agile development practices

PROJECTS

Extro – Fictional Stock Market Forecaster | Full-Stack Web App

June 2025 - Present

- Built a full-stack dashboard where users log in and simulate long-term financial growth using fictional balances.
- Faced challenges with secure authentication and data persistence; resolved by integrating Clerk for login and architecting a Flask RESTful API with SQL backend.
- **Result:** Delivered a scalable simulation tool that models financial growth, demonstrating skills in API design, authentication, and cloud-ready databases.

SMA Trading Algorithm | Data-Driven Finance Project

April 2025

- Developed an algorithmic trading model using Python (pandas, NumPy) and Yahoo Finance API to generate buy/sell signals from SMA crossovers (50-day & 200-day).
- Accounted for transaction costs (0.04%) to simulate realistic trading conditions.
- **Result:** Backtested strategy yielded a **366.32% return** on Zoom (ZM) while demonstrating the impact of transaction costs (-3.13% on Nvidia), highlighting the importance of fee management. Nvidia returned a **0.08% return** if no transaction costs were accounted for.

Tic-Tac-Toe (with Login + Leaderboard) | Full-Stack Game Platform

July 2025 - Present

- Designed a full-stack web app with authentication, AI opponent, and real-time leaderboard using React, Node.js, and MySQL.
- Faced deployment issues as MySQL only worked locally; solved by migrating the database to AWS for cloud persistence.
- **Result:** Created a fully deployed game that securely stores user results and dynamically updates a global leaderboard.

Dungeon Crawler – 2D Java Game (Class Project)

April 2025

- Programmed a 2D adventure game in Java with MVC architecture and JavaFX interface.
- Tackled framerate and performance issues by optimizing loop complexity from $O(n^2)$ → $O(n)$, ensuring smooth gameplay.
- **Result:** Delivered a polished game where players collect gold while avoiding enemies, reinforcing Java fundamentals and UI design skills.

INTERESTS

- **Clubs/Activities:** AI@UNC, Hackathons
- **Languages:** Basic Proficiency in German (3 semesters)
- **Hobbies:** Markets, FinTech, Tennis, *The Last of Us*
- **Part Time Work:** DoorDash Dasher – time management skills