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Cupertino, CA **EDUCATION** 

## The Johns Hopkins University

Baltimore, MD

C benchang 323

B.S. Computer Science, B.S. Applied Mathematics & Statistics (Dean's List)

Expected 05/25

- Focus Areas: Software Engineering, Natural Language Processing, Statistics and Statistical Learning
- Teaching (OOP C/C++): Guided 350+ students; Assessed 300+ assignments; Scripted 5+ autograding tests; Provided OH debugging support

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Palantir | Gotham Washington, DC

Incoming Software Engineering Intern (Fall 2024) Intel | Linux 3D Graphics Performance

06/24 - Present Hillsboro, OR

Open-Source Software Engineering Intern

05/24 - Present

- Engineered 5+ functional testing tools (screen record/capture, render diff, etc.) for 3D graphics benchmarking and optimization using Python (OpenCV, FFmpeg, PIL, MP) and C++ (Vulkan, OpenGL, Kernel Interface) with Mesa Graphics drivers, increasing testing coverage by 47+%
- Designed a synchronized data collection system mapping frames with I/O events, creating a 10k+ input database for training gameplay scripts
- Contributed to a semi-supervised ML system using RLHF and transfer learning with PyTorch, performing feature engineering and data augmentation to automate gameplay script generation, reducing time by 70%, increasing accuracy by 30%, and expanding test suite by 10+
- Integrated 2 profiling tools into the functional suite enhancing shader profiling techniques (runtime analysis, shader execution, etc.) using RenderDoc and Perf, expanding API record/replay for improved performance analysis, optimizing the graphics rendering pipeline by 15+%

Scale AI | Impala (Outlier)

San Francisco, CA

Artificial Intelligence Model Trainer

- 01/24 05/24
- Crafted 100+ high-quality training datasets to enhance sophisticated AI models to accurately understand and process complex math concepts
- Evaluated and ranked model responses for accuracy, relevance, and factuality using statistical scripts, boosting model capabilities by 12+%

## Google | Computer Science Research Mentorship Program

Mountain View, CA

Research Scholar

- 09/23 12/23
- Gained insight into the R&D cycle, emphasizing on CI/CD pipelines, code QA, and the reliability/performance of multi-distributed ML systems
- Engaged in 10+ panels on computing research, delving into system architecture design, optimization, and scalable ML software solutions

#### StudyFind | Internal Software Development

New York, NY

Junior Software Developer (Full-Stack)

03/23 - 09/23

- Refined 3+ RESTful microservice architectures for real-time distributed data processing, increasing transaction throughput accuracy by 18%
- Architected 4 server-side internal tools using Node.js with Express, employing A/B testing to refine database interactions and workflow
- Led code reviews on backend reliability, resolved 7+ critical Firebase Realtime Database API issues, and optimized Jenkins CI/CD pipelines

## SoKat | jArvIs AI Equity Research Platform

Woodstock, MD

Machine Learning Engineer Intern

06/23 - 08/23

- Coded 5+ Azure RESTful APIs with Nginx load balancing/Circuit Breaker fault tolerance, ensuring instant financial forecasting for 2K+ firms
- Developed 3+ robust internal tools for automated financial data scraping and aggregation from 10+ sources (SEC filings, 8K, etc.) using Python (BeautifulSoup, Scrapy), employing SQL indexing, NoSQL sharding, and query caching/batching techniques to boost backend speed by 18+%
- Boosted backend throughput by 35%+ using Redis in-memory caching, asynchronous tasks, and exponential backoff to enhance reliability
- Researched and fine-tuned 20+ financial sentiment analysis, summarization, and OA transformer models, applying ML metrics to embed topperforming models into existing backend architecture with Docker and Kubernetes, thereby improving accuracy and analytical scope by 18+%

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

## Johns Hopkins University - Center for Language and Speech Processing

Baltimore, MD 01/23 - Present

*Undergraduate Researcher* 

- Implemented multi-GPU processing across distributed cluster environments using Slurm scripts and CUDA, leveraging parallel computing to train/test/validate transformer-based neural networks in PyTorch and generate 10+ model checkpoints for NLP information retrieval tasks
- Programmed a scalable NLP pipeline using Tevatron/Elasticsearch, yielding a 20%+ ETL performance boost, to process a large-scale dataset of 80M+ web articles from 50+ languages that facilitates the development of a cross-lingual information retrieval model for citation generation
- Crafted a human-inspected 2k+ passage dataset from using HuggingFace for instruction-following LLM tasks and benchmark experiments

## FEATURED PROJECTS

#### MedTheia - Visualizing Dense Clinical Texts

- Engineered a stable-diffusion text-to-image extension prototype using PvTorch fine-tuned on 15K+ clinical texts and images from EHRs
- Devised a back-end data processing pipeline using NLP libraries (NLTK, SpaCy), MySQL, and 5+ open-source libraries (Apache, Airflow, etc.)

## GastroCrawl - Food Crawl Planner

- Utilized AWS EC2 for scalable hosting and SageMaker to deploy ML-driven route optimization, integrating C++ backend for high-speed tasks
- Constructed a Node.js backend using AWS Lambda for serverless route calculation, MongoDB for efficient data storage, and 20+ RESTful APIs

## ChatJH - JHU Questions, Answered

- Created a lightweight BeautifulSoup/Scrapy-based web scraper mining 3T+ words from 5+ JHU subdomains, generating 700K+ QA-pairs
- Fine-tuned a GPT-3.5 chatbot for JHU-related queries, refactored code reducing latency by 35%+, and integrated 3+ RESTful APIs for access

### TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Languages: Python, Java, C++, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, C, MATLAB, Bash, SQL, TypeScript, Assembly
- Selected Libraries & Frameworks: BeautifulSoup, Scrapy, PyTorch, Django, Flask, NLTK, tkinter, Requests, PyTest, JUnit, Apache, STL, Bootstrap, PyData (NumPy, Pandas, scikit-learn, etc.), MERN (MongoDB, Express.js, React.js, Node.js), Next.js
- Database & Cloud: MySQL, PostgreSQL, Firebase, SQLite, Redis, Azure, AWS, Google Cloud Platform (GCP), Heroku
- Tools & Platforms: CUDA, Docker, Slurm, Kubernetes, Postman, Git, Jira, Databricks, Airflow, Jenkins, Terraform, Ansible