Arif Demirkan

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EDUCATION

University of California, San Diego

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Relevant coursework: Algorithms & Data Structures, Web App Development, Databases, SQL

EXPERIENCE

Monkeytype - monkeytype.com

GPA: 3.52 / 4.0

Frontend Developer, Intern

- Expanded UI library for #1 typing site with \sim 2 million users
- Independently launched fluid highlighting feature, now serving ~120,000 users daily
- Proposed several UI improvements to leadership, developed and implemented in pull requests
- Improved animation frame rate by \sim 52% in core component
- Optimized legacy component, reducing jQuery calls by ~99% and DOM manipulations by ~96%

CounselHero - counselhero.com

Web Developer Intern – React Team

- Expanded UI library for ed-tech startup using React and Typescript
- Proposed and led optimization task, improving page load-time by $\sim 21\%$
- Designed and implemented several core UI components to support product launch
- Implemented responsive UI for mobile support

Software Engineer Intern – Internal Tools Team

- Collaborated with frontend and backend teams to build internal tools using Python
- Developed scraper to parse rankings of ~1500 universities
- Created internal tool to automate updating school ranks in database, saving 100+ hours of data entry

PROJECTS

Deepflow - deepflow.live

React, Typescript, Express

- Productivity web app that syncs study/break timers across users for enhanced group productivity
- Created reusable React hooks and components to implement timer API with millisecond accuracy
- Maintained user preferences and state using React Context API, persisted to local storage and database
- Integrated webhook in Express to synchronize timers across group

URL Lab - app.urllab.co

Next.js, Tailwind, Typescript, Django

- Free, open source URL shortener built for the modern web
- Incorporated collision detection and URL randomization in Django backend
- Implemented RESTful API for CRUD operations on relational database

Birds of a Feather - *github*

Android Studio, Java

- Led frontend team to deliver MVP using Agile best practices like weekly standup and sprint-planning
- Developed bluetooth tool to exchange student info with nearby users
- Created sorting algorithm to rank nearby students based on mutual classes and interests

SKILLS

Summer 2022

Fall 2022

Exp. 12/2024

Summer 2023