
Education

Carnegie Mellon University
Master of Science - MS, Information Security Policy and Management

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
August 2023 - May 2025

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
Bachelor of Science in Physics

Troy, New York
September 2018 - May 2023

Relevant CS Courses: 15-213 Computer System, Cryptography and Network Security, Database Systems, Principle of Program Analysis, Application Programming Using Java, Operating Systems, Numerical Computing, Data Structures, Network Science

Skills

- **Programming Languages:** C, C++, Java, JavaScript, TypeScript, Python, SQL, Go
- **Server:** PostgreSQL, MySQL, Tomcat, Spring, Spring boot, Spring Security, AWS ECS, EC2, AWS EventBridge, Linux, TLS, Self-hosted, low-level server programming
- **Application:** QT C++, WebAssembly, React Native, Angular, Nuxt 3

Work Experiences

Network Tree | Lead Software Engineer (Remote, part-time)

New York, NY
August 2024 - Present

- Led end-to-end engineering for a mobile-first startup, launched on the App Store achieving over 1,000 pre-downloads within one week.
- Strategically managed engineering tasks for a team of five engineers, including determining team workflows and task prioritization to meet aggressive deadlines while maintaining high-quality standards.
- Conducted rigorous technical interviews, hiring top talent to strengthen the engineering team and ensure alignment with company goals.
- Architected and optimized a robust, scalable app infrastructure, leveraging React Native for cross-platform development, ExpressJS for backend services, and AWS ECS/EventBridge for seamless cloud operations.
- Led performance tuning efforts, improving app efficiency and reducing latency by 30% through innovative code optimizations.

Network Tree | Full-Stack Software Engineer Intern (Remote)

New York, NY
June 2024 - August 2024

- Personally developed 12+ new features using React Native and ExpressJS to enhance app offerings, prioritizing maintainability and straightforward code design to streamline future development.
- Identified and implemented performance optimizations for MongoDB, reducing operational costs by \$1050/month and accelerating development timelines by over two weeks.
- Provided mentorship and technical guidance to interns and team members, translating complex technical concepts into actionable insights.
- Rewrote over 5,000 lines of Redux code to Redux Toolkit, improving application performance, maintainability, and user experience.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, IBM Research | Researcher & Software Engineer (Full-time, non-intern)

Troy, NY
Jan 2022 - May 2022

- Designed and developed advanced data mining software using C++, Python, and SQL, efficiently analyzing over 20,000 Python GitHub repositories to extract meaningful insights.
- Engineered a high-performance database to analyze 2.8 million deconstructed source code files, optimizing query efficiency.
- Built and trained machine learning models that achieved 92% accuracy in predicting dynamic feature usage in Python projects.

Project and Research Experiences

End-to-end encrypted server -- Personal Data Manager Notebook (PDM) | Software Engineer

Aug 2019 – Jan 2024

- Enhanced the performance of the multithreaded 256-bit encryption library in C++ by 180%, with deep knowledge of parallel programming.
- Spent over **12,000 hours**; worked 35 hours every 2 weeks in the first 4 years, on average.
- Single-handedly contributed **3300+ GitHub commits** (all commits) to this open-source project, released under GPL 3 on GitHub.
- Develop Spring server and custom Spring security for one server, while maintaining another self-developed end-to-end encryption clients.

QT Cross-platform Desktop Application ([GitHub](#), [GitHub](#)) | Software Engineer

Aug 2019 – May 2023

- Developed the QT desktop application for PDM notes using C++ that communicates with the same servers.
- Implemented custom encrypted SQLite for end-to-end encryption services, enhancing application security.
- Developed a mobile application for iOS and Android, incorporating Swift, Java, TypeScript, and custom encrypted local persistent data stores.
- Implemented the encryption library and compiled binaries for each platform.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute | Researcher & First Author

June 2021- May 2022

- Authored a paper and won an award at the 2022 IEEE 19th International Conference on Mining Software Repositories (MSR).

Publication

Yi Yang, Ana Milanova, Martin Hirzel. "Complex Python Features in the Wild." 2022 IEEE/ACM 19th International Conference on Mining Software Repositories (MSR), Page 282, May 2022