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## EDUCATION

**Associates of Arts Computer Science**  
*College of Southern Nevada*

Graduated  
Las Vegas, Nevada

## EMPLOYMENT

**12B Combat Engineer**  
*US Army*

05/2018 – 05/2022  
Fort Drum, NY

- Team Leader, responsible for managing 3 personnel and overseeing \$500k+ worth of equipment.
- Coordinated operations and logistics by working closely with senior leaders across multiple teams
- Led technical training sessions for team members, focusing on diagnostics, troubleshooting, and effective use of technical manuals.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

### Languages

JavaScript, Python, SQL, C++, MIPS and x86 ASM

### Technologies/Frameworks

React, Next, Redux, Zustand, TanStack Query, NodeJS, Tailwind, Django, FastAPI, PostgreSQL, SQLite, Make + Zapier, Git

## NOTABLE COURSEWORK

### Intro to Linux & System Administration (RHEL & Ubuntu)

Covered Linux origins, file system, user commands and utilities, manual pages, GUI, shells, server configuration, and user management.

### Systems Analysis & Design (SDLC & Jira)

Learned techniques for gathering user requirements and translating them into design specifications. Familiarized with the Software Development Life Cycle and utilized Jira for ticketing.

### Database Concepts and SQL (MySQL & SQLite)

Mastered data modeling and relational database design principles. Gained hands-on experience with Structured Query Language for querying and managing databases.

## PROJECTS

### useBullish

*(React, Django) -Deployed*

Follow the stocks you care about, keep them in a watchlist, and uncover whether the market is bullish or bearish with sentiment analysis from a Natural Language Process Model (NLP).

### useBeatBot

*(Next.js, Supabase, FastAPI) -Deployed*

Engineered a full-stack music gen platform with real-time database synchronization, and AI-generated music using Hugging Face's MusicGen API hosted on Modal with FastAPI python, and both SSR and SSG using Next.js.

### useMap

*(React, TanStack Query, React Router FW) -Deployed*

Developed an interactive geolocation web application using MAPBOX API for mapping, enabling users to visualize travel markers. Implemented state management with Zustand, routing with React Router FrameWork Mode, and responsive design using Tailwind.

## CERTIFICATIONS

**Google Cybersecurity Professional Certificate - Coursera**  
2024

**Securities Industry Essentials - FINRA**  
(Work in Progress)

**Docker Foundations Professional Certificate - LinkedIn Learning**  
(Work in Progress)