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Education

University of British Columbia — Sept 2021 − May 2026 (Projected)

Combined Major in Computer Science and Business;
4th Year, Dean's Honour List; **GPA: 3.7**

Skills

Programming - Expert proficiency in C++, C#, Python, Java, JavaScript, and React, with over 8 years of experience. Built various consumer apps used by hundreds of thousands of users and a B2B SaaS product adopted by companies valued at $100 million.

Machine Learning - Hold advanced knowledge in training and deploying various neural networks using TensorFlow, Keras, PyTorch, and Hugging Face for predictive modeling. Have a strong focus on Natural Language Processing (NLP).

Paid and Organic Growth Profitably spent over $100,000 on Meta Ads and various ad networks. Organically grew a consumer mobile game to 130,000 downloads by utilizing SEO, ASO and viral marketing techniques.

Professional Experience

Cofounder — KJC Technologies — May 2024 − Present

- Cofounded, developed and scaled multiple consumer newsletters and apps to 55,000 subscribers and $40K in monthly revenue within 3 months.
- Developed a B2B SaaS product that scaled to $84K ARR, increasing ARR by over $47K in a single month, and used by startups like Beehiiv and Guidde.
- Hired and managed a team of 3 contractors.

Cofounder — Intern Insider — November 2023 − Present

- Largest Tech and Business Internships Newsletter in North America.
- Scaled to 55,000 users and generated over $140,000 in revenue in 1 year.
- Led paid ads, monetization and growth strategy.
- Hired 2 interns.

Machine Learning Engineer Intern, Financial Data — Tegus — Sept 2023 − May 2024

- Part of the Financial Data Mapping team, specialized in developing and training NLP neural networks to map and structure financial data from SEC filings
- Employed Agile methodologies for iterative development and improvement, enabling continuous feedback and ensuring the accuracy and reliability of financial data mapping.
- Collaborated closely with cross-functional teams, utilizing Git for version control, code review, and issue tracking to ensure alignment on goals and resolve issues promptly.

Personal Projects — Portfolio: www.kazkte.com

Entirely Automated AI-Powered News — April 2023 − September 2023

- Engineered an automated AI-powered news site by leveraging NLP embedding techniques for clustering news stories with similar semantic meanings, and using GPT API for writing.
- Achieved full automation and autonomous topic selection, content sourcing, writing, and publishing by integrating our AI technology with AWS EC2, Docker, and RabbitMQ.

Solo Developer — Developed a Mobile Game with 130,000+ Users — March 2019 − June 2021

- Developed and released a start-to-finish game entirely from scratch in C# by learning about mobile implementation, AI behavior, item systems, and character programming with the Unity game engine
- Employed App Store optimization, content-driven engagement strategies, and user experience enhancements, organically growing the user base to 130,000+ users with zero dollars spent.