Katrina Liu

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EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania, School of Engineering & Applied Science - Philadelphia, PA

May 2025

Candidate for Bachelor of Science in Engineering in Computer Science; Cumulative GPA: 3.98/4.00

Honors: Deans List 2021-2022

SKILLS

Technical Skills: Java, OCaml, Haskell, C, Python, SQL, Swift, Git, LaTeX, Figma, Adobe Suite Languages: English, Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese)

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

CIS 1200 Teaching Assistant | University of Pennsylvania

Sep 2022 - Present

Philadelphia, PA

- Instructed weekly recitations for a 200+ student foundational programming course on object-oriented and functional programming and algorithm design, guiding students through complex topics in Java and OCaml.
- Offered one-on-one support during weekly office hours, helping students troubleshoot code and understand theoretical concepts.
- Contributed to the Pre-Post committee by reporting and resolving issues in the course's homework assignments.

- Wrote and edited content and exam practice questions for a set of textbooks with over 90% market share in Hong Kong for the HKDSE ICT curriculum, covering topics such as Introduction to Python Programming, Intro to SQL, and Database Design.
- Produced and designed illustrations and graphics using Adobe Illustrator to communicate complex concepts visually.

Video Editor, Motion Designer, and Graphic Designer | Fiverr

May 2020 - Sep 2022

Hong Kong

• Edited videos, produced custom motion graphics, and designed social media graphics for 5 clients and received a 5-star rating.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

 ${\bf Observer\ Project\ |\ Penn\ Undergraduate\ Research\ Mentoring\ Program\ (PURM)}$

May 2023 - Present

Philadelphia, PA

• Fine-tuned a question answering model using synthetic data to automate physician responses to patient portal messages.

Property-based Testing (PBT) Research | University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA

Apr 2023 - Present

• Implemented a parser and a generator in Haskell for the Lu language as a workload for Etna, a platform for property-based testing techniques evaluation, with the goal to explore PBT for parsers and round-trip properties.

${\bf Human-Computer\ Interaction\ Research\ Project}\ |\ {\bf University\ of\ Pennsylvania}$

Sep 2022 - Present

Philadelphia, PA

- Analyzed over 10,000 tweets using the Twitter API, sentiment analysis libraries (Vader and TextBlob), and R to evaluate
 anonymity-related expression under social discourse.
- Authored a 12-page research paper in a team of 5 under Professor Danaë Metaxa's supervision, currently in the submission process to an academic journal.

PROJECTS

Distraction Free YouTube | CodePath

Aug 2021 - Dec 2021

Philadelphia, PA

- Co-created a distraction-free version of YouTube and individually created 4 other mini mobile applications in weekly sprints.
- UI designed with Figma, version control and project planning done using Git/ GitHub. Developed using Swift and Storyboard. Utilized the Youtube, Instagram, and Twitter API.

Dementia Care Companion, Language Pop, Unpack | Diocesan Girls' School Hong Kong

Aug 2016 - Jan 2020

• Led the production of 3 mobile applications which received recognition in various competitions, including the Grand Prize of the Technovation World Pitch Summit 2017, Silver medal in the International Exhibition of Inventions of Geneva 2019 (as an exhibitor), and the Hong Kong ICT Awards.

LEADERSHIP, VOLUNTEER AND OTHER LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Penn Medical Emergency Response Team

Jan 2022 - Present

Provided emergency medical care on volunteer weekly shifts in the university city area.

Media Production Team

Aug 2016 - Jun 2021

Chaired the team in organizing school filming events and microfilm productions.