

Waylon Hopkins

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SUMMARY

Dedicated and detail-oriented software development intern with a strong foundation in programming and a passion for creating innovative solutions. Proven ability to collaborate effectively within team environments and tackle complex problems systematically. Experience includes writing code to implement designs, maintaining codebases, and developing user-focused applications. Skills include knowledge of object-oriented programming languages like Java and Python. Eager to contribute fresh ideas and assist in building software tools that enhance productivity while enhancing personal and professional growth. Driven to make a meaningful impact through hard work and creativity.

EDUCATION

Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science

University of Illinois GPA: 3.8

2026

Champaign, IL

Coursework: Software Development, Data Structures, Algorithms, Database Management

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Programming Languages:** Java, Python, C#, Visual Basic
- Development Frameworks:** Spring, Django, ASP.NET
- Tools:** Git, JIRA, Trello
- Databases:** MySQL, PostgreSQL, SQLite
- Methodologies:** Agile, Scrum, Waterfall
- Operating Systems:** Windows, Linux, MacOS
- Testing Tools:** JUnit, Selenium, Postman
- API Development:** REST, GraphQL, SOAP
- Deployment Platforms:** AWS, Heroku, Docker
- Version Control:** Git, Subversion, Mercurial

SKILLS

- Java
- Python
- C#
- Visual Basic
- Software Development
- Code Review
- Legacy Code Maintenance
- Web Development
- Problem Solving
- Conceptual Design
- Team Collaboration
- Technical Writing
- Agile Methodologies
- Debugging Processes
- Application Development
- Version Control

EXPERIENCE

Software Development Intern

June 2025 - Present

Tech Solutions Group

Chicago, IL

Collaborate with experienced developers while building and refining innovative software solutions. Review existing codebase to improve performance and functionality.

- Assist senior developers in designing user-friendly interfaces and applications.
- Review, modify, and update legacy code to meet current standards.
- Participate actively in team meetings focused on project strategies and updates.
- Document solutions clearly for future reference and continuous improvement.

Junior Developer

June 2024 - May 2025

CodeCrafters Inc.

Peoria, IL

Focus on application development using Java and Python. Help maintain code quality while learning about software project lifecycle.

- Developed user-friendly applications enhancing user experience significantly.
- Maintained relevant documentation and supported debugging to resolve issues.
- Worked closely within diverse teams to create practical software solutions.
- Contributed ideas to streamline development processes throughout the project.

Capstone Project

September 2025 - May 2026

University of Illinois

Champaign, IL

Comprehensive software solution developed as part of final year studies, applying collective skills learned throughout the program.

- Designed system architecture and programming logic for interactive application.

- Collaborated with peers to effectively showcase project results at university tech fair.
- Integrated feedback from mentors and faculty into final product enhancement.
- Presented project functionalities and potential impacts on user engagement and satisfaction.

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Dean's List, University of Illinois (2024)
- Winner of Coding Challenge at CodeCrafters Inc. (2025)

CERTIFICATIONS

- Certified Java Programmer 📅 2025
- Python Programming Certification 📅 2025

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member of ACM (Association for Computing Machinery)
- Participant in Illinois Computer Science Mentorship Program

LANGUAGES

- English (Native)
- Spanish (Intermediate)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Work Status : Authorized to work in United States. No sponsorship required.

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST