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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Walt Disney Company | Software Engineer II

Sep 2021 – Present

- **Engineering lead** for SAV-V (Video in Browse Experience) on Disney+ Apple TV; shipped end-to-end across the main app, the shared apple-nest framework, and config repos with a feature-flagged rollout
- **Shared-framework architecture:** active contributor to the apple-nest framework that powers Disney+ across iOS, iPadOS, tvOS, and visionOS; designed and shipped Fixed Focus, a new architectural pattern adopted by SAV-V and future ViBE phases; support the release team during launch cycles
- **Stepped in as interim Apple lead engineer** for the Hero Immersive feature launch on Apple TV; drove staged rollout from internal experiments through 100%
- **Drove a Glimpse refactor** that reduced missed impressions by ~70% across Disney+; authored Confluence documentation template now adopted broadly by the team
- **Feature lead** on Remove from Continue Watching (iOS/tvOS/visionOS), Top Ranked (Top 10), and Season Names; ran planning, ticketing, cross-team coordination, and release
- **Beyond engineering:** pilot DisneyGPT and integrate Claude, Cursor, and GitHub Copilot across review, testing, and documentation; delivered 4 internal tech talks since joining ViBE (Pagination in Hero Immersive, Debugging Focus on tvOS, SAV-V Phase 1, Fixed Focus); attended WWDC '25 in person and presented the recap; active in Career Champions, the SwiftUI learning group, and interview panels

iHeartMedia | Associate iOS Engineer

Apr 2020 – Sep 2021

- Implemented Dark Mode support and refactored advertising services for the flagship iHeartRadio iOS/watchOS apps used by 10+ million monthly users
- Shipped features in Swift, Objective-C, Realm, and SwiftUI across iOS and watchOS; deployed through Jenkins, AppCenter, and TestFlight
- Partnered with monetization and innovation teams on entire-feature ownership, balancing performance, user experience, and revenue impact

The Walt Disney Company | iOS Developer Intern (PhotoPass)

Jan 2020 – Apr 2020

- Contributed to the PhotoPass feature in the Disney World / Disneyland park apps, used by millions of guests
- Worked on a dynamic framework consumed by multiple Disney teams powering the flagship park applications
- Tools: Carthage, Charles Proxy, Accessibility Inspector, iOS photo editing libraries

Middle Tennessee State University | iOS Developer

Jan 2019 – Jan 2021

- On a team of 9 developers maintaining the MTSU Mobile app (iOS/Android) serving 30,000+ students
- Built front-end features for the next version of MTSU Mobile using Storyboards, AutoLayout, RxSwift, and Swift 5.1 over an MVVM architecture

Mobile Mentor | iOS Developer Intern

Apr 2019 – Feb 2020

- Built Mobile Mentor's client-facing Zendesk in-house iOS app for HCA (one of the nation's largest healthcare providers); stood up two serverless Azure Functions APIs and Azure Blob Storage, integrated Azure AD via MSAL/ADAL, OAuth 2.0, OpenID Connect, Urban Airship, and Firebase

PERSONAL PROJECTS

Spyfall • Mobile | 70k+ Downloads

Apr 2020

- iOS app using an MVVM architecture and Firebase for multiplatform communication with iOS and Android devices
- 4+ star ratings; 36% of users have engaged in 240,000+ sessions since launch

BMI Calculator • Mobile | 12k+ Downloads

Jun 2019

- First iOS application published to the App Store
- 28% of users have engaged in over 128,000 sessions

EDUCATION

Middle Tennessee State University | 3.85 GPA

Aug 2017 – Dec 2020

- B.S. in Computer Science | Minor in Mathematics and Health & Human Performance

SKILLS

Languages: Swift, TypeScript, JavaScript, Objective-C, Kotlin, Java, C++, SQL

Tools & Frameworks: SwiftUI, Next.js, React, Prisma, Tailwind, Vercel, Turso, Firebase, PostHog, Datadog, Git, Jenkins

AI Tools: Claude Code, Cursor, Claude, GitHub Copilot, DisneyGPT, ChatGPT

Notables: Published author on Better Programming / Medium (2019 & 2020) • MTSU ACM Treasurer (2018 – 2019)