

Alex Safayan

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Alex is a detail-oriented engineer who brings startup urgency and big tech polish. At Doji, he shipped AI features; at Apple and Meta, he built prototypes seen by VP and C-suite leadership.

Education

- Northwestern University** BA, Computer Science
9/2023 – 6/2026
- GPA: 3.9
 - Courses: algorithms, combinatorics, computer systems, HCI, ML, databases, & more
 - VP of Outreach, Northwestern AI Club

Experience

- Apple** Software Engineering Intern — Swift, LLMs
6/2025 – 9/2025
- Prototyped new features for Image Playground (Apple's diffusion model app)
- Doji** AI Software Engineering Intern — PyTorch, React, PostgreSQL
1/2025 – 3/2025
- Built a data pipeline with LLMs, Florence, SAM, and other open-source models
 - Trained a CLIP-based fashion recommendation model
 - Validated performance through a custom full-stack web app for internal testing
 - Deployed to production with FAISS vector search, containerized with Docker
- Apple** Software Engineering Intern — Swift, LLMs
6/2024 – 9/2024
- Prototyped LLM-powered features for a visionOS app
 - Presented to Jeff Norris, Senior Director, and to Mike Rockwell, VP, VPG
 - "This is one of the best—if not the best—internship presentations I've ever seen."
– Harris Papadopoulos, Senior Engineering Manager
- Meta** Product Design Prototyper Intern — Unity, C#, LLMs
1/2024 – 5/2024
- Rapid prototyping to drive high conviction for AI wearable devices
 - Prototypes demoed to Alex Himel, VP, AR, and to Mark Zuckerberg, CEO
 - "Alex blew us all away with his incredible work, deep thinking, and inspiring ideas."
– Michael Ishigaki, Director
- Things** Software Engineering Intern — React, Unity, C#
5/2023 – 8/2023
- Wrote production-grade code for web and iOS application – [Rooms.xyz](https://rooms.xyz)
 - Designed the startup's first website – [Things.inc](https://things.inc)

Projects

- Website** alexsafayan.com – React, Three.js
2023
- Interactive 3D website

Skills

JavaScript, Python, C#, React, SwiftUI, PyTorch, PostgreSQL, LLMs, Unity, Figma