

# Hunter Chen

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## Key Skills

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- **Languages:** TypeScript, JavaScript, Rust, Python, Java, C, C++, HTML/CSS, SQL (Postgres & SQLite)
- **Technologies:** ReactJS, Next.js, Vite, TailwindCSS, Nodes.js, GraphQL, Docker, AWS

## Work Experience

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**Software Engineering Intern | Geneial** Jun. 2024 - Present

- Developed reusable React and React Native components with TypeScript for web and mobile
- Utilized AG Grid library to efficiently display data, improving application load speed by up to 40%
- Spearheaded migration of core web app from Create-React-App to Vite, reducing build times by up to 78%
- Implemented optimizations to CI/CD pipeline, reducing overall deployment time by over 66%
- Added multilingual (i18n) support to mobile app, organizing 900+ UI strings into maintainable modules

**Contract Web Developer | Morado Development** Mar. 2024 - Jun. 2024

- Developed responsive React/Next.js/Tailwind web applications based on Figma designs
- Leveraged Firebase for authentication and handling image upload/storage for 200+ users and 900+ images
- Built and deployed websites for multiple small businesses, achieving 95+ SEO scores on Lighthouse

**Contract Frontend Engineer | aramid.finance** Jan. 2022 - Sep. 2022

- Converted Figma designs into TypeScript React (Next.js) web apps with Zustand and Tailwind
- Implemented optimizations of landing webpage, reducing load time by up to 72%
- Integrated Cloudflare and Netlify into CI/CD pipelines for web application and page deployments
- Built PostgreSQL usage-tracking database and integrated GraphQL API to streamline frontend data access

## Volunteering

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**Hack Western - Western University's Flagship Hackathon | [hackwestern.com](https://hackwestern.com)** Apr. 2024 - Nov. 2025

- Organizer for Western University's flagship hackathon with 400+ hackers and 2000+ applicants
- Web developer for Hack Western 11 (2024) and web team lead for Hack Western 12 (2025)
- Created CI/CD pipeline to check code style consistency, build applications & database, and run tests
- Integrated ShadCN UI library, created internal review dashboard, and implemented email automation

## Projects

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**deChess - Peer-to-Peer Chess Platform | React, JavaScript** [github.com/deChess/deChess](https://github.com/deChess/deChess)

- Designed and co-created a decentralized chess web app, receiving \$11,000 in prizes and grants
- Leveraged React, Ant Design UI and Chessground libraries to build a simple and responsive chessboard UI
- Employed the Streamr Network SDK in JavaScript to facilitate real-time peer-to-peer exchange of chess moves, clock times, and chat messages, with sub-200 ms latencies

**WaveFormer - Image Parameterization Tool | Rust** [github.com/hunterchen7/WaveFormer](https://github.com/hunterchen7/WaveFormer)

- Implemented the Canny edge detection algorithm, a modified DFS algorithm and discrete Fourier transformations in Rust to detect and convert lines in images into parametric equations

**Viewr - Multithreaded Prefetched Fast Image Viewer | C++, Qt** [github.com/hunterchen7/viewr](https://github.com/hunterchen7/viewr)

- Developed high-performance image viewer using Qt for smooth panning, zooming and navigation
- Implemented multi-threading to prefetch and cache decoded images, using an LRU eviction policy

## Education

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- **Western University | Honours BSc. Computer Science** Sep. 2022 - May 2026
  - **Extracurriculars:** Hack Western Organizer, Google Developers Student Club, Western Climbing Club