Aayush Panda

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TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming Languages: C++, C, Python, Java, TypeScript, SQL, Haskell, Scheme, Bash

Frameworks: Flutter, Flask, Next.js, Firebase, Google Cloud, Android Development **Data Science/ML:** Pandas, SKlearn, Torch, Tensorflow, Keras, MatPlotLib, NumPy

EDUCATION

University of Waterloo

GPA: 3.92/4.00

Bachelor of Computer Science, Honours Co-op

Sep. 2024 - Apr. 2029

EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant Apr. 2025 – Present

Multi-Sensory Brain and Cognition (MBC) lab @ UWaterloo

- Working on research on eye movement in batters with relation to incident baseballs
- Developed CV pipeline that takes in eye tracking data and helmet-mounted video recordings, and produces data about how
 the eye tracks baseball through saccades and jumps.

Software Engineering Intern

Mar. 2025 - Apr. 2025

Toma (YC W25)

- Used BeautifulSoup to scrape all (~ 20k) US car dealerships, and wrote a service that periodically calls each with an Al voice to evaluate caller experience. This data was then used to find ideal clients, and demonstrate/evaluate Toma's impact.
- Enhanced logic for determining Toma's own call metrics, improving data accuracy and removing some logical errors.
- Developed a server log viewer with IDE-like features to improve debugging efficiency.
- Implemented debugging APIs to facilitate analysis of content in AWS S3 buckets directly in Metabase dashboard

Founder and Co-President

Dec. 2021 - Jul. 2024

hack::peel

- Founded and led, an annual Peel-region hackathon attracting 100+ high school participants each year
- Secured over \$20,000+ in sponsorships annually, enabling high-value prizes and industry support
- Directed a team of 25 across 7 subteams to coordinate logistics, outreach, sponsorships, and event programming

PROJECTS

🗞 Semantify — Python, React, FastAPI, Sentence Transformers, UMAP, Ollama

- Built a document organization system that semantically clusters 1000+ files into a directory structure in minutes using embedding models and custom hierarchical clustering and subtree merging algorithms
- Developed an interactive graph visualization of document embeddings to allow intuitive semantic exploration
- Implemented a RAG-powered chat interface to intelligently query uploaded documents with source citation
- Reduced processing time by \sim 66% through efficient batching and async processing

Sphased Array SONAR — C++, Python, Xtensa LX6 microprocessor, AVR RISC processors

- Engineered a sub-degree precision beam-steering phased SONAR array with real-time radar-style display on oscilloscopes.
- Designed a waveguide to reduce inter-element pitch and suppress grating lobes, enhancing beam directivity.
- Built a phased array simulator suite to visualize beamforming, steering, and focus behaviors in 2D.

Space Day Based Crypto Token Mutual Fund — Smart Contracts, Axelar, OSquid, Node.js, Next.js

- Won 2 1^{st} place sponsor prizes worth \$3000 for best Web3 app at Hack the North 2022 (out of 829 participants)
- Used Smart Contracts with Axelar for cross-chain transactions and 0Squid for token conversion.
- Integrated Web3 backend with frontend using Node.js and Next.js.

🗞 Woodlands App — Flutter, Firebase, Google Cloud Storage

- Developed a Flutter app to inform students about announcements, events, and cafeteria menu.
- Integrated Firebase and Google Cloud Storage for authentication and data storage.
- Achieved 400+ regular monthly users and rank 40 on the Apple App Store's top charts.

PATENTS

CA 3119717: Compliant mechanism for operating flight control surfaces of a remotely piloted aircraft.

CA 3222437 (pending): Device for redirection of optical beams using virtual gratings generated by stationary waves.

AWARDS

Jane Street Estimathon @ UWaterloo (2024): First place

Hack the North 2022: Winner

PicoCTF 2022: 2nd place in Canada, 14th (top 0.001%) globally

FIRST Innovation Challenge 2021: Semifinalist