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WORK EXPERIENCE

Data Scientist | Capital One

Sept 2016 - Dec 2016

- Developed a distributed, scalable and secure infrastructure for public releases of Data Science projects using AWS EC2, Docker and Terraform.
- Wrote and shipped an API that serves Capital One Mobile Beta App users with their monthly recurring transactions.
- Developed the API with Node.js and Express to interface with internal company services and data models. Added tests using Chai, Mocha and Sinon to prevent regression bugs, mock external dependencies and test fault tolerance.

Distributed Systems Engineer | Wave Inc

Jan 2016 - April 2016

- Developed scalable, fault-tolerant backend services with Python and Django for the cloud-based accounting product that has 1.7 million users.
- Used messaging queues, database sharding, worker machines and denormalization to distribute load and perform heavy computations asynchronously in the background, leading to more than 90% reduction in time required to generate unique financial reports for each user.
- Stored each database change as a sequenced, immutable and queryable events (Event Sourcing), for improved concurrency control and auditability.

R&D Developer | DST Systems

April 2015 - Aug 2015

- Worked with the applied analytics division to add features, improvements and bug fixes to a big data engine which used transformation rules to clean, reduce and prepare large datasets for analytics using Hadoop, Node.js, Redis, Rails, PostgreSQL, and ActiveMQ.
- Developed a C++ and Python GUI that uses machine learning algorithms and relevant libraries (Numpy, Matplotlib, Scikit-learn) to authenticate users in real time based on their ECG (Electrocardiogram) which was acquired using data streamed via Bluetooth from a wearable device (Nymi band).
- Built an image viewer with Node.js and Bootstrap that interfaced with eye tracking hardware to monitor user performance and generate live heat maps.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Python, JavaScript, Java, C/C++

Front End: HTML/CSS, jQuery, Bootstrap, React, Redux

Back End: Node.js, Socket.io, Express, Django

Data Analysis: MATLAB, Numpy, Scikit-learn, Pandas, Matplotlib

Other/Tools: Docker, AWS (EC2, Lambda), Terraform, RabbitMQ, Git

Database: MySQL, PostgreSQL, MongoDB, Redis

PROJECTS

Personal Finance Chatbot : (October 2016) Developed a facebook messenger chatbot which allows users to keep track of their finances, set personal finance savings goals and visualize their spending patterns. *Tech Used: Python, Flask, Node.js, Express, AWS EC2, Docker, MongoDB, jQuery*

Audio Player : (June 2016) Designed a microcontroller system which plays .wav files from an SD card. Implemented device drivers to read data from an SD card, read information from a FAT file system and to send audio data through an audio CODEC for playback. *Tech Used: C, Altera DE-2 Dev Board*

Tumor Classifier : (April 2016) Used a variety of machine learning algorithms to build binary classifiers to predict the nature of a tumor based on open data gathered from an online breast cancer dataset. Compared the performance of multiple classification algorithms such as Neural Networks, SVMs, Nearest Neighbors, Naive Bayes and Decision Trees using multiple plots. *Tech Used: Python, Numpy, Pandas, Scikit- Learn*

Audio Transcription : (Dec 2015) Used frequency analysis to transcribe classical piano pieces into sheet music. Resynthesized audio from transcription and then applied statistical analysis techniques to compare original and resynthesized audio signal. *Tech Used: MATLAB*

Bouncing Ball Game : (Nov 2015) Wrote a game that simulates bouncing balls on the LCD screen of a microcontroller which was implemented using a multi-threaded architecture, semaphore locks and hardware interrupts to interface with peripherals. *Tech Used: C, ARM-Keil Development Board*

Makeshift Caliper : (March 2015) Calibrated readings from an infrared sensor using a microcontroller to measure small distances. Used machine learning algorithms (Nearest Neighbor Search, Polynomial Regression) to reduce measurement uncertainty to 0.15 cm. *Tech Used: Python, Numpy, Arduino*

Market Simulator : (Oct 2014 - Nov 2014) Developed a program that accepts trade orders for stocks at past dates to calculate profit using data from Yahoo Finance API. Used Bollinger Bands, a stock price volatility indicator to generate trade orders. *Tech Used: Python, Numpy, Pandas*

EDUCATION

University of Waterloo

Sept 2013 - Present

- BAsC in Mechatronics Engineering, Class of 2018. Currently Enrolled in 3B
- **Relevant Coursework:** Algorithms and Data Structures, Real time Operating Systems, Embedded Microprocessor Systems and Interfacing Digital Logic, Systems and Signals, Numerical Methods, Statistical Analysis

Online Coursework

- **Machine Learning** | Coursera
- **Intro to Financial Accounting** | Coursera
- **Computational Investing** | Coursera
- **Exploratory Data Analysis** | Coursera