Aran Long

Experience

Monzo Bank

Technical Lead, Senior Backend Engineer • Sep 2019 - Present

Technical lead for the in-app help squad, leading 30+ projects totalling an £8M reduction in yearly customer support costs

- Building an in-house customer support platform, which has scaled from 2 million, to 6 million+ customers.
- Designed and lead build on disputes decisioning system that handles £10M+ in reports per year
- Averaged delivering a new cost-saving experiment every fortnight for over a year
- Responsible for owning and maintaining 100+ microservices, using Golang, Kafka, NSQ, Cassandra, Prometheus, Grafana, Kibana
- Architecture reviewer for wider engineering projects, spanning multiple teams
- Onboarding and mentoring new engineers to write quality code, documentation, and lead projects
- Solved major severity incidents as an operations on-call engineer
- Interviewed 50+ backend and fullstack engineer candidates

Goldman Sachs

Backend Engineer • Jul 2018 - Aug 2019

Building an investment banking equities platform that facilitates multi billion dollar IPOs, including Uber and Slack.

- Migrated deal syndication platform to Java Spring microservices
- Wrote performant SQL queries to search through large datasets
- Solved incidents as an on-call engineer for various IPO deals

GCHQ

Blockchain Researcher • Jul 2017 - Sep 2017

- Completed funded research project, building an academic credential verification system on the Hyperledger blockchain. Built using Golang, Node, Python and Javascript.
- Presented at the National Cyber Security Centre headquarters

Inventive Cogs

Software Engineer • Sep 2016 - Jul 2018

- Completed funded research project titled "Road Network Load Balancing for Multi-Agent Informal Fleets", presented to the UK government department for transport to help gain seed funding
- Supported the development of multiple route planning patents

Education

University of Birmingham

Computer Science BSc (Hons)

First class - 81% average

Dissertation "Road Network Load Balancing for Multi-Agent Informal Fleets" - 82%

Awards & Projects

Pedalo

HackTheNorth, Canada

Ethereum blockchain based credential verification system, awarded the "best use of blockchain" at the largest hackathon in Canada, received a pre-seed grant from 1517fund.

BusOff

HackJunction, Finland

Awarded the Deezer prize for developing a virality focused interactive game. Built the gesture detection system using Python, SocketIO, OpenCV.

Notifi.Click

HackUPC, Spain

Awarded the best use of Amazon web services for developing a zero-cost paging system built using a serverless architecture with Lambda, DynamoDB and Amazon dash buttons.

The Gadget Show

Developed a speed dating chatbot that featured on the UK TV series. Built the data entry stack using Node and Express. Designed the architecture for the project.

Spot - Easy payments

Best use of serverless technology, and 3rd place for building a system which helps businesses to accept card payments through Apple and Google Pay, in under 5 minutes.