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Education

University of Waterloo **Sep 2021 – Apr 2026**
Bachelor of Computer Science — Dean's Honours *Waterloo, ON*
- **Overall Average:** 93.25%, **GPA:** 3.97/4.00
- B.P. Dammizio Entrance Scholarship, President Scholar of Distinction

Relevant Coursework: Data Structures and Algorithms, Object-Oriented Programming, Application Development, Operating Systems, Compilers, Machine Learning, Statistical Analysis, Linear Algebra, Calculus, Numerical Computation

Technical Skills

Languages: Python, Java, TypeScript, JavaScript, C++, C, SQL, Bash, HTML, CSS
Technologies: LangChain, Flask, sklearn, Node.js, Express.js, React, Spring Boot, Kafka, Flink, REST APIs, NoSQL
Developer Tools: Git, Linux, AWS, GCP, Kubernetes, Docker, Webpack, Postman, VS Code, Jupyter Notebook

Experience

X (Twitter) | Java, Python, TypeScript, React, GraphQL **Jan 2025 – Apr 2025**
Incoming Software Engineer *Palo Alto, CA*
- Will be joining X's internship program as a Software Engineer Intern on the Monetization team and will utilize modern web APIs and frameworks, to craft client components and features that will shape the future of development of X.com.

IBM | Java, Python, Spring Boot, Kafka, Flink, MongoDB, Kubernetes **May 2024 – Aug 2024**
Software Developer *Toronto, ON*
- Designed a test coordinator system that automates regression testing for **350+** Kafka Streams apps on a **Kubernetes** cluster using a microservice architecture that employs a **LLM** for schema mapping and **Flink Jobs** written in **Java** for data generation and validation.
- Created a dynamic and responsive user interface for the test coordinator system that allowed the user to select the test app, edit test values, view test results and leveraged **caching** to reduce load times using **React** and **TypeScript**.
- Built a **Kafka Streams** app that generates **110 000+** messages and deployed it on a **Kubernetes** cluster using **Helm**.
- Automated the matching of test scripts using **vector embeddings** and the **Reciprocal Rank Fusion** algorithm, saving **5 mins** per script.

IBM | Python, LangChain, Flask, Neo4j, AWS, GCP, Docker **Jan 2024 – Apr 2024**
Machine Learning Developer *Toronto, ON*
- Improved the accuracy of **RAG systems** for **LLMs** by **65%** by replacing the **vector database** with a **Neo4j** graph database that is integrated with **vector embeddings** and stores data chunks based on structure and hierarchy.
- Built a parser API that generates a hierarchical graph structure from .pdf and .docx files using **Python** and **Flask**.
- Developed a **LangChain** retriever and reduced **Neo4j** query times by **63%** through optimizing the **Cypher** queries.
- Automated **Java** code conversion from **Struts 2** to **Spring Boot** using the **Claude model** integrated with **RAG**.

Dr. Inbox | Python, pandas, DynamoDB, AWS **May 2023 – Aug 2023**
Software Developer *Cambridge, ON*
- Created **CI/CD pipelines** on **AWS** that automate **unit testing**, **integration testing** and deployment for serverless Lambda functions and led the adaptation of **IaC** by provisioning cloud resources using **Cloudformation** and **SAM**.
- Improved accuracy for automated prescription refills by **38%** through fuzzy matching and enhanced brute force strategies.
- Developed a Python GUI script that syncs Dr. Inbox's data with the PS Suite EMR using **DynamoDB**, **SNS** and **SQS**, saving **30 mins** daily.

YuJa | TypeScript, React, Express.js, Webpack, SQL, AWS **May 2022 – Aug 2022**
Software Developer *San Jose, CA*
- Built a custom synchronized webcam and screen video player that replays videos stored on **S3** using **React** and **Video.js**.
- Designed the **SQL** database schema that supports **230 000+** student users and wrote queries that monitored video processing, validated account data and authenticated user sessions using the **Sequelize ORM**.
- Improved video processing efficiency by **87%** by leveraging **Node Worker threads** to process videos concurrently.

Projects

Markdown Editor 🔗 | TypeScript, React, Material UI
- Built a web based **Markdown** editor that compiles **Markdown** into **HTML** for display using **React** and **TypeScript**.
- Developed a **lexer** that scans the input and converts it into tokens by using a variant of the **maximal munch** algorithm.
- Implemented a **parser** that changes the lexer tokens into a valid **syntax tree** and used the tree to generate HTML.

Hobbies and Interests

- Soccer, Badminton, Swimming, Climbing, Poker, Chess, Hiking, Cooking