kdb+/q developer

Experienced kdb+ developer, hailing from a mathematical background. I enjoy programming as a craft, rather than simply using it as a means to an end. I have several years programming experience in the finance industry in various locations around the world. During this time, kdb+ was the main development language used.

Work Experience



Core Operations Engineer / kdb+ Developer, Virtu Financial, Singapore Sep 2020 - Present

- Responsible for the deployment, maintenance and enhancement of Virtu's electronic trading system. Day to day tasks include system health checks, identifying and remedying issues, and managing operational risk, all in high pressure and time sensitive situations.
- Handling internal production issues and external market alerts and outages, and interfacing with exchanges, brokers, clients and other external parties to support a smooth trading day.
- Work includes migration of various legacy broker/exchange connections to Virtu infrastructure (networking/testing etc), automation improvements to aid daily tasks and creation of unit test frameworks for production configurations.
- Development on the various kdb+ products at Virtu Financial, mainly focused on order and execution data. Integration with existing Virtu OMS and EMS systems, development of queries to serve the frontend client, unit test development, etc.

kdb+ Developer, Kx Systems, subsidiary of First Derivatives PLC, London, Toronto & Singapore Jul 2017 - Sep 2020

- Knowledge of full stack kdb+ architectures (tp/rdb/hdb/cep) and implementations. Experience in batch processing of data in various forms into kdb+ (csv, json, xml etc)
- Experience of working with real-time feedhandlers (Java, Kafka) publishing to kdb+ from upstream, and also with various kdb+ interfaces: embedPy, pyg, ffi, C api etc.
- Work includes developing a complete MiFID II solution for a top five Canadian bank. This involved integration with many
 upstream trading sources within the bank, receiving both real-time and batched data, applying regulatory and enrichment
 logic to the data, and interaction with regulators, through the use of FIX message handlers and sFTP connections. Other
 work includes 1.5 years on the Kx Surveillance product for various clients. Processing of large amounts of batched data,
 schema creation, data write-down and optimized queries.

Education



Msc Mathematics Sep 2016 - May 2017

Maynooth University, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, Ireland 1.1 First Class Honours Degree



Theoretical Physics and Mathematics Sep 2013 - May 2016

Maynooth University, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, Ireland 2.1 Double Honours Degree

Certifications



Machine Learning Engineer, Udacity Issued: Mar 2019
Certificate

Achievements

- Awarded the Stokes Prize from NUI Maynooth for the academic year 2013-2014
- Invited to and attended <u>Iverson College</u> in 2018. Interacted with core kdb+ developers along some veterans in the field, while gaining invaluable programming experience.
- Created a Personal Assistant using kdb+, featuring voice and CLI input, machine learning, SMS capabilities and various internet based API's.
- Keen sports enthusiast, and have completed several 10k runs and 2 half marathons.

References

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Skills

kdb+/q: ●●●● (Excellent)

Unix: ●●●○○ (Intermediate)

Python: ●●●○○ (Intermediate)

Others:

Linux-based OS, Bash/Shell, sFTP, Git, Subversion, Jenkins, Eclipse-based IDEs, Visual Studio Code, Jupyter Notebooks, xml, json, HTML, CSS, Powershell, WebSockets, HTTP, Machine Learning, Test Driven Development

Languages

English: ●●●● (Native)

Irish: ●●●● (Bilingual)

Chinese (Mandarin) ● ○ ○ ○ ○ (Beginner)