Duncan Finlayson

EDUCATION

University of Western Ontario

London, Ontario

Bachelor of Science - Specialization in Computer Science

Expected Graduation: Apr. 2026

• Courses: Databases, Operating Systems, Computer Architecture, Data Structures and Algorithms, Intro. to Software Engineering, Intro. to Artificial Intelligence

EXPERIENCE

Team Member

Tim Hortons

July 2019 - Present

Kemptville - London

- Processed transactions with 98% accuracy, ensuring a seamless checkout experience and reducing payment discrepancies
- Delivered exceptional customer service in a high-volume, fast-paced environment, assisting an average of 100+ customers per shift, leading to higher customer retention and satisfaction.
- Built strong customer relationships by engaging in friendly interactions, contributing to a 20% increase in repeat customers over time.
- Restocked 50+ station supplies and prepped beverage containers ahead of peak hours, reducing downtime and improving workflow efficiency.
- Enhanced time management and customer communication skills, reducing service delays by 30% and improving overall team efficiency.
- Maintained a 100% attendance record, ensuring reliable coverage and consistency during high-demand shifts.

PROJECTS

DayTrader's Diary | Java, Jira, Confluence, Bitbucket

Apr. 2024

- Developed an educational stock market simulation game using **Java**, improving financial literacy for users by simulating real-world trading scenarios, with **80% of testers** reporting a better understanding of market strategies.
- Optimized project workflow and team collaboration by integrating **Jira**, **Bitbucket**, and **Confluence** for scheduling, documentation, and code reviews, **reducing development bottlenecks by 30%**.
- Implemented a developer/test mode, cutting debugging time by 40% and improving overall code stability.
- Led the game's feature design, ensuring alignment with user needs and increasing user retention by 20%.

Blockchain Fund Manager | Hack Western Winner, React.js, Rust

December 2024

- Designed and built Go Fund Us, a decentralized fund management platform using React.js, increasing user engagement by 50% and reducing on boarding time by 40%.
- Engineered Rust-based smart contracts to automate fund management, eliminating manual processing errors and enhancing security.
- Created a scalable DAO-like structure for fund management, ensuring full transparency and easy access for users.
- Awarded "Best Use of Tempo Labs" at Hack Western for innovative blockchain integration.

Personal Portfolio | NextJS, React.js, TailwindCSS, Framer-Motion

December 2024

- Built a fully responsive, high-performance portfolio using Next.js, improving page load speeds by 50%.
- Implemented Framer Motion for dynamic animations, increasing user engagement and improving visual appeal.
- Enhanced overall user experience through smooth navigation and optimized **UI design**, increasing time spent on the site by **30**%.
- Leveraged **Tailwind CSS** for modular design, reducing development time by **25**% and ensuring a consistent look across all pages.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Java, Python, C/C++, JavaScript, HTML5/CSS, TypeScript, Rust

Developer Tools: GitHub, Jira, Confluence, BitBucket

Frameworks / Technologies: React, Node.js, Next.js, JUnit, Framer Motion, Tailwind CSS

Libraries: Pandas, Numpy, Matplotlib