Tan Hiok Kuek

Singaporean Software Engineer (Full Stack)

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EDUCATION

National University of Singapore

Aug 2024 - Jun 2028 (expected)

Bachelor of Computing in Computer Science (Cumulative GPA 4.64)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Software Engineering Intern - NUS-NCS Cybersecurity Lab

Aug 2024 - Present

- Designed and deployed a scalable URL Phishing Detection API on AWS, utilizing EC2, Auto Scaling Groups, Application Load Balancer, and Route 53; adopted by over 10,000 users.
- Co-authored a research paper on phishing detection, accepted at the World Wide Web Conference 2025.
- Migrated AWS infrastructure to Terraform, enhancing code maintainability and reducing deployment time by 30%.
- Developed interactive web applications with Next.js for algorithm visualization, leveraging Redux, Tailwind CSS, ShadCN, GraphViz, and D3.js.
- Built a browser extension using Plasmo that functions as an email client, implementing OAuth2 authentication and integrating with the Outlook API.
- Fine-tuned a DistilBERT classifier for phishing email detection using the Hugging Face Transformers library, achieving high accuracy on real-world datasets.
- Bundled the classifier and a local LLM (via llama.cpp) using PyInstaller as a native host within the browser extension, enabling on-device detection and analysis of phishing emails.

Frontend Engineer Intern - Singapore Press Holdings

Nov 2023 – Feb 2024

- Contributed to the platform team during a major migration from legacy systems to modern web technologies such as React and AWS.
- Developed responsive landing pages using TypeScript, React, and Tailwind CSS from UI/UX wireframes, deployed across 40+ publications.
- Implemented unit tests with Jest and React Testing Library, improving code quality and reliability.
- Designed and built REST APIs for the admin dashboard using Node.js, Express, and MongoDB, enabling users to submit issues and track progress.

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

AWARDS

COURSES

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Development Tools: AWS (Certified Solution Architect) \cdot Terraform \cdot React \cdot Next.js \cdot Plasmo \cdot Spring Boot \cdot Docker Languages: TypeScript \cdot JavaScript \cdot HTML5 \cdot CSS \cdot Java \cdot Python \cdot SQL