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WORK EXPERIENCE

- Instacart** Feb 2025 – Present
SDE Toronto, Ontario
- Automating and consolidating backups for **AWS** resources resulting in \$1M reduction in backup costs per year.
 - Built a **Golang** backfill tool to backfill data for DynamoDB-Snowflake CDC.
- Unilever** April 2024 – Dec 2024
Machine Learning Engineer - Intern Toronto, Ontario
- Train **times-series transformer** models to **forecast sales** with **PyTorch** increasing accuracy by 5%.
 - Optimize promotion times and prices** with augmented genetic algorithms **GNGSA**.
 - Utilized novel algorithm **GNGSA** increasing convergence iterations 70% and hypervolume AUC by 50%.
 - Implemented multi-thread processing to increase data pipeline speeds by **50%**.
- Amazon** Jun 2023 – Aug 2023
Software Developer - Intern Toronto, Ontario
- Designed a **precompute** layer using **Apache Spark** to increase recommendation speed by **99%** from 150ms
 - Built data pipelines to ingest updated data and retrain models in a given time frame
 - Created automated data analysis tool to ensure predictions are above **75%** accuracy
- Amazon** May 2022 – Aug 2022
Software Developer - Intern Vancouver, British Columbia
- Engineered a modular microservice in **Java** to send notifications to customer of cashback on select products
 - Utilize **AWS** web services such as **Lambda**, **SQS** and **SNS** to ensure scalability of the notification system
 - Integrated service into data pipeline utilizing Amazon internal language **Datapath**
- Intel** May 2021 – May 2022
Software Engineer - Intern Toronto, Ontario
- Developed support software to generate 4000+ of completely random test-cases for edge-case testing
- Centivizer** Apr 2020 - Sep 2020
Software Developer - Part-time Toronto, Ontario

EDUCATION

- University of Toronto** 4.0 cGPA
MSc in Applied Computing (A.I.) Sept 2023 - Dec 2024
- University of Toronto** 3.84 cGPA
HBSc Computer Science Specialist, Major in Mathematics Sep. 2018 – May 2023

PROJECTS

- WIDE: Websocket-IDE** | Link: GitHub Sep 2024 – present
- Architecting and developing a websocket-based IDE using **Rust** and **React** frontend (58 GitHub stars)
- Decomposed Face Generation** | Link: Github Apr 2024 – May 2024
- Decompose faces into **id**, **pose**, **emotion embeddings** and utilize **StyleGAN** to re-generate faces.
- PAIR Lab** — multiple projects: **RePlan** | **Orbit** Sep 2021 – Aug 2024
- Use of **MPC**, **MultiModal LLM** in completing high level robot tasks prompted by text | **arXiv:2401.04157**
 - Contributed to **Orbit**, a robot learning framework built on **NVIDIA Isaacsim**. Published in *RAL* | **project-site**
 - Designed and built **GPU** parallelized state systems with low overhead allowing a **4x** speedup over the cpu solution
- MultiModal AI Story teller** | private repo Jul 2023 – Jul 2024
- Managed **auto-scaling GPU** resources with **Kubernetes** saving up to 90% on **AWS** costs.
 - Implemented **Multimodality** using **LLMs** and **Latent Diffusion Models** to build a interactive story teller.
 - Utilized NLP techniques to summarize context to reduce context size, reducing inference time by up to **10%**.
- CaNetDa: Deep Learning for GeoGuesser in Canada** | Link: GitHub Jan 2021 – Apr 2021
- Mined dataset and trained an ensemble of **Computer Vision** models: **ResNet**, **EfficientNet** and **Vision Transformer** resulting in a **47%** improvment over random agent in predicting province of image in Canada
 - Scraped **Google Street View** images and used **Google Maps API** to preprocess images for training

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Tech: Deep Neural Networks, Large Language Models, Latent Diffusion Models, Python, C++, JavaScript, Java, Rust
Tools: Huggingface, PyTorch, Git, React, Node.js, MongoDB, SQL, Numpy, GraphQL, Robotics, Vim