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EDUCATION

University of Alberta

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Specialization in Software Practice

Edmonton, AB

Relevant Coursework: Data Structures & Algorithms, Machine Learning, Database Management, Software Engineering, Operating Systems, Computer Architecture, Functional Programming, Reinforcement Learning, Statistics, Data Science, Data Analytics, Numerical Methods.

EXPERIENCE

Software Developer Co-op

January 2025 – Present

Expected Graduation: May 2026

Royal Bank of Canada (RBC)

Calgary, AB

- Develop and enhance CRM components using Python, SQL, JavaScript, Java, and cloud technologies to meet business requirements.
- Collaborate with stakeholders to design Wealth Management software solutions using Agile methodologies
- Leverage Azure and DevOps practices to build scalable solutions, automate workflows, and ensure seamless
 deployment, monitoring, and maintenance.

Software Engineer

September 2023 – April 2024

S.P.E.A.R (Space Exploration Alberta Robotics)

Edmonton, AB

- Led the Mars rover development for 90%+ autonomous navigation, sensory integration, and object detection.
- Collaborated with teams to define project requirements, design **software architecture**, and conduct rigorous testing using **Agile** and **DevOps** methodologies.
- Enhanced rover autonomy by 30% through the integration of SLAM with LiDAR and IMU technologies and optimizing path planning, obstacle detection through TensorFlow-based computer vision algorithms.

Projects

StudyAmp | React, Python, FastAPI, LangChain, Gemini, Neural Networks, Muse 2 EEG | NatHacks 2024 Winner

- Built a real-time attention monitoring system using Muse 2 EEG and Brainflow, achieving 95% accuracy in tracking focus and live data synchronization.
- Engineered an AI-powered focus analysis tool with Gemini API RAG LLM and Neural Networks, improving focus retention by 30% and generating personalized summaries for low-focus segments.
- Designed an interactive data visualization platform using Chart.js, increasing user engagement by 40%.
- Developed a scalable **FastAPI backend** for real-time EEG data processing and audio analysis, supporting **multi-user sessions** efficiently.

Shelter For Women | React, Express.js, Firebase, Node.js, CSS | Morgan Stanley - Code To Give 2024 Winner

- Led the development of an intervention plan system, amplifying Le Chaînon's support for women in need.
- Implemented personalized goal-setting features based on SMART criteria, resulting in an 80% increase in plan customization and flexibility by caregivers to meet residents individual needs.
- Developed a real-time messaging system using Web Socket technology, achieving a 50% reduction in communication response times, thereby facilitating seamless collaboration and aid between residents and caregivers
- Integrated Firebase and Google Calendar API to enhance scheduling efficiency by 30%.

QRiffic Android App | Android Studio, Java, XML, Firebase, Google Maps API

- Directed a team of 6 developers to create QRiffic, an Android app incentivizing social interaction and exercise through gamified QR code collection and attained 98% QR code recognition accuracy.
- Implemented a user profile and search feature to track progress across 100,000+ player profiles.
- Integrated **Firebase** and **Google Maps APIs** for a real time leaderboard, 3D map environment functionalities, optimizing data retrieval by 40% using **NoSQL** queries and indexing.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Python, C, C++, C#, Java, Java Script, ROS, Dart, Linux, RISC-V, Lisp, Prolog, HTML, CSS, XML, R. Database Management: MySQL, SQL, MongoDB, Firebase, AWS Cloud Computing, Chroma DB.

Frameworks: React, Node.js, Flask, JUnit, TensorFlow, PyTorch, Express.js, LangChain

Developer Tools: Git, Docker, VS Code, Visual Studio, PyCharm, IntelliJ, Android Studio, Linux, Flutter, Jira.