Lawton Mizell Charleston, SC | https://lawtonm.github.io

Red Hat – Full Stack Senior Software Engineer

Nov 2021 - Present

- Developed middleware, integrations, and backend infrastructure for Red Hat's customer support systems.
- Designed and built a Java microservice syncing support cases between Microsoft Case Exchange and Red Hat's Salesforce Support Instance for Red Hat Azure Products.
- Designed and built a Java microservice enabling case collaboration across accounts via the Red Hat customer portal.
- Led Salesforce (SFDC) development on Red Hat Salesforce support instance: Apex, SOQL, REST APIs, SOAP APIs, web services, and system maintenance.
- Used MySQL as the primary database for case tracking and synchronization across systems.
- Implemented a polling service to check for new cases from Microsoft Case Exchange.
- Developed message-based communication using ActiveMQ and a dead-letter channel for retries.
- Utilized Apache Camel to define routing for bidirectional integration between Salesforce and Microsoft Case Exchange, handling severity changes, comments, case openings, and closures.
- Deployed containerized versions of Java Spring Boot services using GitLab CI/CD and OpenShift.
- Managed bug fixes, performance optimizations, and enhancements to improve customer support operations

V NIWC, Naval Information Warfare Center - Software Engineer TS/SCI Security Clearance

May 2018 - Nov 2021

- Led R&D efforts, including rapid prototyping and technical proposals.
- Built and maintained multiple ETL pipelines in Clojure/Java for our data analytics service using NLP libraries to extract information from unstructured text-based data sources.
- Used BERT Transformer models for NER to improve information extraction
- Built containerized data science labs using Docker and ETL pipelines in Clojure/Java.
- Implemented A/B testing for machine learning models on our generalized recommender system. Built methods to compute the AUC score, f1 score, precision, and recall for information retrieval metrics.
- Ran IA scans using static code analysis tools to identify and fix vulnerabilities in project applications.
- Designed Java APIs for analytics services and optimized CI/CD pipelines with Jenkins
- Developed software for disconnected, limited-bandwidth environments.

♦ Freelance Work
July 2018 – Present

- Built and maintained WordPress sites and custom sites for various clients
- Built an AI agent (Azure OpenAI, VectorSearch) to process datasets (PDFs, spreadsheets, Word documents) and generate prioritized, filtered reports based on user queries.

Center for Digital Humanities, University of South Carolina Intern

September 2016 – April 2018

Naval Information Warfare Center Security Engineer, Data Engineer, Software Engineer Intern

May 2015 – 2017

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATES

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING

May 2014 – 2018

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Machine Learning by Stanford University offered through Coursera

July 2021

PROJECTS

Fitbois Bot - A fitness telegram bot written in Golang (previously Java) with a database (mariaDB)

QuerySense - Classifier using LLMs for customer problems into predefined categories for better support (Red Hack Day)

Taurus - Documentation generator using LLMs (Red Hat Hackathon)

clj-gdrive-downloader - (open source) Minimal clojure utility to download shared compressed files from Google Drive.

SKILLS

LANGUAGES & FRAMEWORKS – Java, Spring, Python, FastAPI, Golang, React, Next.JS, Typescript, Tailwind, Shaden **TOOLS & DATABASES** – JetBrains Intellij, Neovim, Git, MySQL, Mongo

CLOUD COMPUTING & CONTAINERIZATION – Amazon Web Services, Google Cloud Platform, Azure, Docker & Compose, Podman, Openshift

AI - Applied LLMs, LLM Inference Endpoints, Vector databases (chroma, pinecone), RAG Systems