

# Shaquille Pearson

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## SUMMARY

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Recent graduate with **3+ years** of experience in software engineering, specializing in scalable **data pipelines**, **reproducible CI/CD workflows**, and **API development**. Proficient in **Python** and **Javascript**, **FastAPI**, **React**, and **Docker**.

## EDUCATION

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- **University of Waterloo** Waterloo, ON  
*Master of Mathematics in Computer Science (GPA 3.88/4.00)* *Jan. 2023 – Dec. 2024*
- **St. Georges University** St. George's, Grenada  
*Bachelor of Science in Information Technology (GPA 3.60/4.00)* *Jan. 2018 – Dec. 2021*

## EXPERIENCE

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### The Software REBELs (Ranked 9th Globally in SE Research) Waterloo, ON

*Graduate Research Assistant*

*Jan 2023 – Dec 2024*

- **Data Pipeline:** Engineered a **Python** data pipeline using **GitHub GraphQL** to efficiently process **1.27M** open-source projects, acquiring key build configuration and dependency data with **PostgreSQL**.
- **Build Reproduction:** Established **982** reproducible build environments for **NPM** projects using **Docker**, **Python** scripting, and **GitHub Actions** for streamlined CI/CD, facilitating controlled analysis of builds.
- **API Development:** Developed a **FastAPI (Python) REST API** with **Docker** to enable programmatic access to the reproducible build environment, automating dependency resolution and build validation for efficient data extraction.

### University of Waterloo Waterloo, ON

*Instructional Apprentice / Teaching Assistant*

*Jan 2023 – Dec 2024*

- **CS 116 (Introduction to Python Programming) & CS 135 (Functional Programming with Racket):** Taught core programming concepts, recursion, and algorithmic analysis through tutorials and student support.
- **SE 212 (Logic and Computation) & CS 251 (Computer Organization and Design):** Provided guidance on formal logic, proof systems, digital circuits, and processor design through labs and office hours.
- **CS 246 (Object-Oriented Programming in C++):** Reinforced object-oriented programming, memory management, and debugging practices via tutorials and code reviews.

### Department of Public Information

Georgetown, Guyana

*Junior Software Developer*

*Jan 2022 - Dec 2022*

- **Content Automation:** Designed and implemented an automation system using **Node.js** and the **Axios** library to interact with the DPI website's **REST CMS API**, enabling automatic, scheduled updates for news articles, press releases, etc which reduced manual effort by an estimated **30%**.
- **Frontend Enhancements & UI Optimization:** Significantly improved website performance and responsiveness by refactoring critical **React.js** components (identifying and optimizing over 15 key components) and optimizing complex **CSS** animations.
- **Backend Performance Optimization:** Refactored **MySQL** database schemas to reduce data redundancy and improve query efficiency. Implemented **B-Tree** indexing on high-traffic tables, which optimized backend performance and reduced average query response times for content retrieval by **13%**.

### Sonnover

St. George, Grenada

*Frontend Engineer Intern*

*May 2020 - August 2020 / May 2021 - August 2021*

- **Interactive Web Features:** Implemented dynamic user interfaces for key client dashboards using **React.js**, integrating **RESTful APIs** to enable real-time data updates (achieving less than 500ms latency).
- **Bug Identification & Resolution:** Identified, documented, and resolved over 20 frontend issues using **Chrome DevTools** and **GitHub Issues**. Implemented targeted fixes in **HTML5** and responsive styling with **Tailwind CSS**.
- **Web Performance & Testing:** Significantly optimized web application load times by implementing lazy loading for non-critical components using **Webpack** code splitting, achieving an estimated **10%** improvement in initial load times.

## PROGRAMMING SKILLS

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- **Languages & Tools:** Python, JavaScript, TypeScript, C++, SQL, Cypher, Git, Docker, GitHub (REST, GraphQL, Actions)
- **Frameworks & Libraries:** React, React Native, Express.js, PyTorch, Django, Hugging Face
- **Databases:** MySQL, KuzuDB, Firebase, Neo4j, MongoDB