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Experience

- University of Waterloo – Research Assistant** Waterloo, Ontario • Sep 2019 – Present
- Implementing practical differentially private algorithms for statistical estimation
- Wish – Software Engineer Intern** San Francisco, California • Jan 2019 – Apr 2019
- Saved **\$2 million/year** by enhancing order refund tools to prevent incorrect refunds
 - Lowered repeat customer support cases 27%** by improving server logic, cutting support costs
 - Cut runtime for backfilling crons from **12 hours to 15 minutes** by optimizing database queries/partitions
 - Cleared **over 75 million** unused customer support inquiries daily using Python crons
 - Reduced audit times over 67%** by enhancing web based internal tools to support hotkeys
- BMO Capital Markets – Quantitative Analyst** Toronto, Ontario • Apr 2018 – Aug 2018
- Yielded a credit positive for BMO by developing the blockchain platform used in the **first blockchain bond issuance in Canada** – featured on Bloomberg, CoinDesk & Financial Post
 - Built machine learning models to predict demand for US treasury bonds with Python & Scikit-Learn
 - Created VueJS data visualization models for institutional clients to analyze the Canadian bond market
 - Reduced loading times by 97%** by improving web socket infrastructure & simplifying network calls
 - Automated emails using C# scripts and job schedulers, **saving hours of manual work**
- Sir John A. Macdonald S.S. – Computer Science Instructor** Waterloo, Ontario • Jun 2016 – Jun 2017
- Improved class attendance by 40%** (50 to 70 students) through restructuring curriculum

Projects

Computer Vision Weightlifting Coach

- Implemented a Python application to analyze weightlifting videos frame by frame & detect bad posture
- Designed a Ridge regression model feeding data from MPII pose estimation with OpenCV

SumNotes

- Created a web app that autonomously takes summarized notes in lectures or meetings
- Won Hack the North 2017** – Best Use of Cockroach Database (\$1000 Prize)

BlockChainge

- Built a full stack decentralized fundraising platform on Ethereum for donations & crowdsourcing
- Reduced donation fees by 99%** compared to traditional platforms

NBA Predictive Analytics

- Created a data visualization tool to help coaches detect areas of the court to prioritize defense
- Simulated NBA players' shooting strengths with machine learning using K-Nearest Neighbours

Education

- University of Waterloo – Bachelors of Computer Science** 2017 – 2022
- Cumulative GPA: 91/100 – Dean's Honours List
- Wilfrid Laurier University – Bachelors of Business Administration (Finance Major)** 2017 – 2022
- Cumulative GPA: 91/100 – Dean's Honours List

Skills

Python, Java, C, C++, C#, HTML/CSS, JavaScript (Node, jQuery, Vue, React), Git, Linux, Scheme, SQL, MongoDB, Scikit-Learn, Pandas, Matplotlib, R, Jupyter Notebook, OpenCV, Bloomberg

Awards

- Schulich Leader Scholarship** – Offered \$80 000 by Western University for STEM leadership
- René Descartes National Scholarship** – Awarded \$25 000 by University of Waterloo for math merit
- Governor General's Academic Medal** – Ranked 1st out of 250 students in academic standing
- ECOO Programming Provincial Finals** – Placed top 10 out of 400+ teams across Ontario
- Galois Math Contest** – Ranked top 30 internationally out of 7000+ contestants (top 0.5%)