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Technical Skills

Python, Java, C++, JavaScript, C, HTML/CSS

Frameworks: Django, REST, React, MongoDB, Node.js, Express, React, JavaFX, FXGL

Work History

Software Developer Intern Clarius Mobile Health

05/2022 - 01/2023

- Backend development on a cloud platform with Django REST Framework, and JavaScript using Docker, and various other services.
- Optimized and refactored over 7 years of existing code to eliminate all 1500+ non-standard practices, fixing numerous bugs.
- Created unit tests and fixed features for the front and back end with data validation to prevent potential client issues.
- Worked with object-oriented concepts, and merged a bugfix to a PostgreSQL database that affects up to over 50,000 existing users.

Teacher's Assistant (Programming Methods) BCIT

01/2021 - 05/2021

• Graded student Python assignments and provided constructive feedback to help students grow as software developers.

Projects (Top picks)

Anon Images React Image Sharing Platform (2-Person Team) (1 month)

Skills: JavaScript, React, Linux, Express, Node.js, AWS EC2, AWS DynamoDB, AWS S3, AWS Route53

- Created an HTTPS image sharing web application using React for the frontend and Express/Node for the backend. Worked closely with Ubuntu and PM2 to host a front-end and backend. Dabbled with Apache2 virtual hosts. **Contribution:** Built the frontend, backend, and integrated AWS. Handled all routing and to an HTTPS domain.

Snack Overflow - Snack exchanging web application (3-person team) (2 days)

Skills: React, Express, Node.js, MongoDB, Socket IO

- Created a mobile-friendly web app using React for the front-end and Express/Node.js for the backend to allow users to read/create/update/delete snack sharing posts in real time to MongoDB.
- Implemented a chat system using Socket.io so users could communicate snack sharing meetup locations. Collaborated in a team of 3 to create a fully functional web app for the 2022 SAP Hackathon in 24 hours.
- **Contribution**: Socket IO chat system, helped implement the React front-end, and added back-end features.

Animal Hustler Java Game (2-person team) (3 months) (School)

Skills: Java, JavaFX, FXGL, Documentation, Planning, Object-Oriented Design, Cooperation

- Used object-oriented programming methodology to create a fun and complete Java game that earned 100%. **Contribution**: All aspects of the project including planning, design, research, implementation, and game balance.

Outliner OpenAl Discord bot (4-person team) (24h)

Skills: Python, OpenAI, Web-scraping, Documentation

- Developed a Discord bot using AI language processing to intelligently answer questions regarding student courses. **Contribution**: Implementing the AI engine, web-scraping, and documentation.

DeskBuddy Web Application (3-person team) (3 months) (School)

Skills: JavaScript, HTML/CSS, Bootstrap, jQuery, Git, Agile, Firebase, Trello, Scrum

- Created a mobile-first app that supports mental health by reminding users to take regular breaks during workdays.
- Contribution: Significant contributions to read/write/query/delete in JavaScript and set up the Firebase database.

Modern React with Redux 2023 Udemy Course (Completed in 2023)

Skills: React, Redux, APIs, Express, Node.js

- Created numerous React projects with JSX, APIs, Reusable components, data persistence, hooks, routing, and more.
- Learned the ins and outs of the toolchain supporting React, including NPM, Webpack, Babel, and ES6/ES2015
- Mastered the fundamental concepts behind React and Redux

Education

Computer Systems Technology GPA: 4.0

06/2021 - 12/2023

British Columbia Institute of Technology

Programming Methods, Object-Oriented Programming, Algorithms, Web Development, Relational Database Systems, Android Mobile Development, Cloud Computing, Procedural Programming, Applied Mathematics, Applied Probability and Statistics, Computer Architecture