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Education

Master of Engineering in Electrical and Computer Engineering

09/2022 - 01/2024

University of Waterloo, Canada

09/2014 - 09/2019

Bachelor of Computer Science with Honours

Dalhousie University, Canada

• Academic Accolades: Dean's List

Research Experience

Research Interests:

• Computer Vision, Deep Learning, LLM, Cloud Computing, Distributed Systems

Publication: From theory to practice: insights and hurdles in collecting social media data for social science research

05/2024

• Co-author (contributed on the data part)

Undergraduate Honours Thesis: On the Accuracy & Complexity of Spam User Detection Algorithms for Social Networks

09/2019

• Advisor: Prof. Oiang Ye (Faculty of Computer Science, Dalhousie University)

Projects

Backtesting Booster: A Self-Adaptive Solution for Accelerating Trading Strategies using Just-in-Time compiler

12/2023

Technologies used: JIT Compilation, EUREMA, PyPy

- Developed a self-adaptive system to accelerate the execution time of trading strategies using a Just-in-Time compiler (JIT).
- Implemented architecture-based adaptation with Executable Runtime Megamodels (EUREMA), effectively improving execution time while maintaining reasonable memory usage.
- Conducted experiments that demonstrated the system's effectiveness in accelerating trading strategies, particularly for the crossover strategy.

Dynamic Hand Gestures Recognition

04/2023

Technologies used: Deep Neural Networks, PyTorch

- Authored a comprehensive review paper on the use of deep neural networks for dynamic hand gesture recognition, advancing the understanding of machine learning applications in human-computer interaction.
- Investigated a variety of CNN architectures, including 3D CNN, lightweight CNN, and fine-tuned CNN, as well as LSTM and RNN, to evaluate their performance and efficiency in recognizing dynamic hand gestures.
- Identified and analyzed critical gaps in existing methodologies, particularly focusing on challenges related to data availability and quality, computational resource demands, transferability of models, and the ability to process data in real-time.

SAT Solver Development

01/2023

Technologies used: BCP, DPLL algorithm, Tseitin's Transformation

- Developed the SAT solver to assess whether input logical formulas are satisfiable (SAT) or unsatisfiable (UNSAT), enhancing the efficiency of logical computations in applications.
- Implemented the basic DPLL algorithm integrated with Boolean Constraint Propagation (BCP), demonstrating adeptness in algorithm optimization and advanced computational techniques.
- Utilized Tseitin's transformation to convert original non-CNF formulas into equisatisfiable CNF formulas, streamlining the SAT solving process and improving formula evaluation accuracy.

Professional Experience

Cloud Microservices Application Developer

09/2019 to 09/2022

IBM - Bedford, NS, Canada

- Implemented back-end rule engine to build solutions for different types of banking business complications.
- Managed and developed RESTful APIs containing swagger-based interface for more than 8 services throughout duration of project.
- Applied Redux Middleware in web application to retrieve data and integrate between server and client sides.
- Led API lifecycle development, managing software development while ensuring functionality of code.
- Gained extensive knowledge in software such as Java Spring Boot, Kubernetes, Netflix Zuul, React and Redux.

Web Developer [Co-op]

01/2019 to 04/2019

The Chronicle Herald - Halifax, NS, Canada

- Skillfully leveraged technical proficiency in Technical Stack including Python, Django, RESTful API, Git and Agile.
- Operated alongside product owner to gather additional information on business and functional requirements; wrote high quality technical documentation for better code maintenance and internal training.
- Designed and developed backend RESTful API based on Django framework, utilizing pair programming approach to ensure high quality code.

• Implemented unit and integration testing suites to assess product functionality and performance.

Data Analyst [Co-op] 09/2018 to 12/2018

The Chronicle Herald - Halifax, NS, Canada

- · Expertly debugged existing ETL processes and facilitated performance tuning to fix bugs.
- Developed new ETL Pipelines to extract data from various sources, transforming and preparing data for analytical purpose; generated actionable insights using extracted and transformed data.
- · Utilized Cron jobs to automate data file tracking processes; gained extensive experience in MySQL, Oracle, Python & Git.

Junior Web Developer [Co-op]

04/2017 to 08/2017

SimplyCast - Dartmouth, NS, Canada

- Employed proficiency in Technical Stack including JavaScript, PHP, HTML, CSS, Git and Agile.
- Led and took ownership of all coding, testing and collaboration initiatives; gained knowledge of agile methodologies within software development processes.
- Effectively tested software to ensure functionality and adherence to plan objectives, as well as management expectations.
- Contributed to team solutions to complete stories and meet goals, exceeding client expectations and providing exceptional service.

Skills

- Software Proficiencies | Tensorflow, AWS Cloud, Kafka, Redis, Docker & Kubernetes, RESTful API, Git, Vim, MySQL, MongoDB, Django, Kubernetes, Netflix Zuul, React & Redux, IBM DB2
- Programming Languages | Java, C++, Python, JavaScript
- Analysis Skills | Web Analytics, Software Testing, Software Validation, Data Storage & Data Retrieval
- Qualitative Skills | Communication, Leadership & Cross-Cultural Awareness

Certifications

Machine Learning with Python Certificate - IBM, 2021

 $\textbf{AWS Machine Learning Specialty Certificate} \ - \ \textbf{Amazon Web Services}, 2021$

AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner Certificate - Amazon Web Services, 2020

SAFe® 5.1 Scrum Master Certification (SSM) - Knowledge Hut, 2020

Applied Data Science with Python Level 2 Certificate - IBM, 2020

 $\textbf{Data Science Foundations Level 2 Certificate -} \ IBM, 2020$

Big Data Foundations Level 1 Certificate - IBM, 2020

IBM Garage Methodology Explorer Certificate - IBM, 2020

Extracurricular Involvements

Business Analyst - Work Placement Education Program Experience with Amazon, 2021

Coach - Halifax Innovation Challenge, 2021

Teaching Assistant - Java Programming Language, 2019

Completed Sandbox Discovery Program in Dalhousie ShiftKey Labs, 2018

Participated Game Jam Hackathon in Dalhousie, 2017