Tony Sun

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EDUCATION

University of Waterloo, Bachelor of Software Engineering (BSE)

Sep 2020 - Apr 2025

Candidate for Human-Computer Interaction Specialization

3.98 GPA | 2x Dean's Honours List | Mathematics Society of UWaterloo Representative (1A)

EXPERIENCE

Java Developer and Research Assistant, University of Waterloo

Jan 2023 - present

• Contributing to the JSpecify project under Prof. Werner Dietl to develop a unified type checker framework for Java

Software Developer Intern, Trend Micro

Sep 2022 - Dec 2022

- Expanded app control coverage by 20%, implementing driver monitoring and blocking functionalities using C++ and Lua
- Implemented path matching, wildcard and search algorithms to **improve module execution time by 30%**, and optimized for compatibility with **20+ Unix and Windows based operating systems**
- Identified and patched high-priority vulnerability allowing for malicious script execution in locked-down Bash shell

Software Developer Intern, Ontario Digital Service

Jan 2022 – Apr 2022

- Led development of microservices-based localizable web app on Ontario.ca with **Eleventy**, projected to reach **1.2** million unique annual visitors [Public Sector Salary Disclosure 2]
- Constructed an ETL data pipeline through **Azure Databricks** to process Ontario's largest production dataset using **PySpark** and deliver to **Elasticsearch** clusters, cutting manual processes by 90% and data ingestion time by 80%

Software Engineering Lead (ConSof Team), WATOLINK

Sep 2021 - Jul 2022

- Architected the desktop interface for a SSVEP-based brain controlled communication tool using PyQt5 with OpenGL
- Integrated live word completions using GPT-3 ML model to enhance input speed by 40% on average
- Practiced technical **project management** within team of 8 to enable efficient delivery cycles and exceed deadlines

Tech Analyst Intern, Huawei

Aug 2020 - Aug 2021

• Developed scraping application of for 31 independent sources using Python to decrease analyst research time tenfold

PROJECTS

tldr, Cal Hacks 9 Winner 🛮

Oct 2022

- Developed an article sumerization tool featuring a browser extension and website duo in **Preact** and **Flask**
- Tuned natural language processing models to provide core functionalities for sentiment analysis and text summary

McAsks, McHacks 9 Winner 🖸

Jan 2022

- Created multi-functional SMS chatbot with Flask backend to consume REST APIs and serve information through Twilio
- Constructed "BEST DESIGN" winning product website supporting user sign-up using Next.js and Figma

JOHTnotes, Hack the North 2021 Finalist

Oct 2021

• Built and deployed a full-stack web application allowing users to view imported videos with searchable transcripts and make notes at clickable timestamps using **React.js**, **Flask**, and **CockcoachDB**

ITrash, Self-Driving Autonomous Trash Can

Oct 2020 - Apr 2021

- Built a robotic trash can that detects thrown objects and repositions to catch them on Raspberry Pi and Arduino
- Implemented data transfer with serial port communication and Python socket library, reducing latency by 50%
- Utilized **OpenCV** to track projectile motion and successfully predict target landing position with 75% accuracy

SKILLS

Languages: C++, Python, SQL, JavaScript, Java, C, C#, Go

Tools/Technologies: Docker, AWS, Microsoft Azure, Flask, React.js, Jenkins, PySpark, Elasticsearch, Node.js, MySQL, Postman, Raspberry Pi, Jira, Valgrind, TensorFlow, Selenium, Git, Unix