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Skills

Languages: TypeScript/JavaScript, C/C++, C#, Java, Python, Clojure, HTML, CSS, SQL

Frameworks: React, Next.js, Node.js, Express.js, ASP.NET, GraphQL, PostgreSQL, Android, Xamarin, Arduino, OpenGL, Unity **Tools**: AWS, GCP, Azure, Git, Linux, Docker, Kubernetes, Kafka, Octopus, TeamCity, Amplitude, Grafana, Figma, Postman

Education

Bachelor of Software Engineering | University of Waterloo

Sep 2021 – Present

Courses: Data Structures & Algorithms, Digital Circuits, Object-Oriented Programming, Operating Systems

Work Experience

Composer 𝚱 | Software Engineering Intern

May 2024 - Present

- Overhauled the client onboarding and brokerage account creation systems, using Leiningen, PostgreSQL, and the Alpaca API, to equip 120K+ existing users with the ability to begin trading crypto assets in addition to U.S. equities.
- Fortified user identity verification measures, using the *Plaid* and *Footprint* APIs, to thwart **160+** suspicious weekly bank account linking attempts on the Composer trading platform.
- Refined the backtesting date selection algorithm, in *Clojure*, to provide maximal historical data for building trading strategies.

TOOLBX 6 | Software Engineering Intern

Jan 2023 - Dec 2023

- Architected an order fulfillment and payment system to enable **42%** of all previously manual order conversions to be transacted within an end-to-end platform using *React*, *Express*, and *PostgreSQL*.
- Augmented search algorithms, using *GraphQL* and *Algolia*, to support granular price variations across **130K+** products.
- Engineered robotic process automations, written in *TypeScript*, to autonomously extract, parse, and synchronize **\$500K+** of daily invoices from third-party software used by construction materials businesses.
- Devised a GitHub Actions CI/CD workflow to bring compatibility-related deployment failures from 6+ per month down to 0.

Plenty of Fish 9 | Software Engineering Intern

May 2022 - Aug 2022

- Modernized the online dating experience for **1M+** daily worldwide users by reconstructing profile management, dating preferences, and account settings webpages from the ground up using *React* and *TypeScript*.
- Formulated new REST API endpoints for profile marketing features, using ASP.NET, Kafka, and PostgreSQL within a distributed microservice architecture, to boost new user engagement by 12%.
- Implemented unit and integration tests across the stack, using *TypeScript* (*Jest & Enzyme*) and *C#* (*XUnit & Moq*), to ensure program correctness and determinism with at least **80%** front-end and **98%** back-end code coverage.

Pentabyte Studios | Lead Software Engineer

Jan 2022 – Aug 2022

- Spearheaded the production of an open-world multiplayer role-playing game built using *Unity, Polygon*, and *Azure* services.
- Directed and coordinated art, design, and development teams comprised of 10 ambitious employees by distributing responsibilities, setting project deadlines, and running scrum meetings.

Projects

Upcoming 3D Battle Royale | Unity, Azure, .NET, C#

Oct 2022 - Present

- Developed and optimized an AES-encrypted multiplayer server, using .NET UDP sockets, to securely communicate complex real-time player movement data across network clients at less than **5 KB/s** per client.
- Incorporated a client prediction and server reconciliation algorithm to promote smooth *Unity (URP)* gameplay and server-driven state synchronization while consuming less than **1 ms** of time overhead per frame.

Automated Voice-Controlled Chessboard & | Arduino, Python, C, Woodworking, 3D Printing

Oct 2021 – Nov 2021

- Programmed a stateful move-checking chess algorithm, in C, to guide gameplay on a 25" x 25" plywood chessboard complex.
- Consolidated move-checking, speech-to-text, and mechanical actuation subsystems, using *Python* on an *Arduino*, to allow stepper motors and an electromagnet to respond correctly to vocally issued move commands.

YRDSB Student Planner App Ø | Android, Xamarin, C#, Java

Mar 2019 – Mar 2020

- Designed and built an *Android* utility app for students of the York Region District School Board, employing *Google* and *Twitter* APIs to fetch live updates related to school announcements and calendar events.
- Centralized client-server communication with a handmade .NET TCP socket server that used SMTP to authenticate users through passwordless student email verification.

Awards

Semi-Finalist, International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella Bronze Medallist, Canadian Computing Olympiad (24/2827 in Canada) Contender, Canadian Mathematical Olympiad (83/7000+ in Canada) Perfect Score, Fermat Mathematics Contest (23/19393 worldwide) Jan 2024

May 2020

Mar 2020

Feb 2020