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## EDUCATION

### • Diploma in Web Development and Internet Applications

*Algonquin College of Applied Arts and Technology; Dean's Honour List, GPA: 3.77*

Apr 2025

Ottawa, ON

## EXPERIENCE

### • Arbitrage Cyclops

*Frontend Software Developer (Volunteer)*

Jul 2025 – Present

*Remote*

- Built and shipped **end-to-end** frontend features in a B2B SaaS using **React**, TypeScript, Redux, and Tailwind CSS, translating evolving product requirements into reusable UI components optimized for seller workflows.
- Improved **performance and usability** on data-heavy browsing experiences by implementing responsive navigation, filtering, and pagination patterns to help users explore large result sets efficiently.
- Refined API integration by aligning UI data needs with existing **REST** responses, simplifying request patterns and reducing frontend complexity while improving **reliability** of user flows.
- Collaborated closely with the product owner to iterate quickly on UX decisions, troubleshoot UI issues, and continuously improve **layout polish** and **responsiveness**.

### • Solace

*Web Developer Intern (Web Marketing Team)*

Sep 2024 – Dec 2024

*Ottawa, Canada*

- Delivered **production-ready** frontend updates across large-scale WordPress sites by building reusable UI components and resolving issues, improving **consistency and quality** across high-traffic marketing pages.
- Designed and developed a seasonal internal WordPress experience from the ground up, translating a custom **Figma** design into a fully functional site using **PHP** and Advanced Custom Fields (ACF) with interactive, polished UI behavior.
- Improved **performance and usability** by iterating on frontend implementations based on **Lighthouse** insights, supporting faster, more accessible pages aligned with best practices.
- Troubleshoot build and deployment issues on **React/Gatsby** (Node.js) sites after framework/runtime upgrades, collaborating with engineering teammates to **stabilize releases**.

## PROJECTS

### • PLAB2 Practice Platform

*React, TypeScript, PostgreSQL, WebSocket*

Demo — GitHub

- Built a full-stack **real-time** practice platform enabling role-based, live consultation sessions; implemented synchronized session behavior so multiple users can join via shared code and stay in sync throughout timed flows.
- Developed real-time session controls (**shared timers**, state transitions, coordinated actions) to improve usability and ensure consistent multi-user experiences under live conditions.
- Shipped and maintained a production deployment supporting **165 active users**, iterating on user flows based on feedback from **real exam candidates**.

### • Interview Coach AI

*Next.js, React, Node.js, MongoDB*

Demo — GitHub

- Developed and shipped an AI-enabled interview practice web app that generates personalized question sets via an **LLM API**, turning user inputs into **structured prompt workflows** for realistic practice.
- Built **end-to-end** product features (dashboard, pin/favorite flows, expandable explanations) to improve **usability** and help users manage and revisit generated content.
- Implemented secure authentication with **JWT** and Google OAuth and designed **RESTful APIs** in Node.js/Express to persist user sessions and preferences.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Languages:** TypeScript, JavaScript, SQL, Java, PHP
- **Frameworks & Tools:** React, Next.js, Node.js, Express, Redux, Tailwind CSS, Gatsby, Spring Boot
- **Tools:** Git, Docker, WordPress, Figma, Jira, Lighthouse, Cypress, GitHub Actions
- **Cloud & Databases:** PostgreSQL, MongoDB, Google Cloud Platform, Vercel, Render, Supabase