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Versatile and self-motivated software engineer with over 3 years of experience building and deploying data-driven solutions and infrastructure with technologies such as Python, AWS, and Databricks, working with cross-functional teams, and transforming simple requirements into quantifiable growth and revenue. Strong leader who communicates complex technical information clearly, values continuous learning, and fosters positive, productive team environments.

EXPERIENCE

Data Engineer II

Jun 2023 – Jun 2024

Wood Mackenzie

Calgary, AB

- Developed and optimized large-scale data pipelines on Databricks and AWS responsible for collecting and analyzing multi-terabyte upstream oil & gas data for **1M+** US wells in the lower 48 states.
- Worked closely with cross-functional teams to improve and validate data quality and accuracy, ensuring a competitive edge in our product.
- Stabilized and standardized the daily processing of **10M+** oil & gas data points by leading data quality initiatives.
- Supervised a team of developers building infrastructure responsible for the automated collection of global energy data from **200+** unique sources.

Software Developer (Contractor)

Nov 2022 – Feb 2023

University of Victoria, Department of Civil Engineering

Victoria, BC

- Developed custom image processing tools to extract temperature data from radiometric JPEG images and generate automated thermal performance reports, enabling users to assess the viability of thermography survey techniques.

Junior DevOps Engineer

Sep 2021 – Jun 2022

Marinelabs

Victoria, BC

- Designed and deployed features of a cloud processing pipeline allowing for accurate aggregation and computation of real-time, high-resolution data from a fleet of **40+** marine devices.
- Improved IAC coverage for multiple AWS stacks using CloudFormation and Python, promoting predictable and reliable infrastructure deployment.
- Implemented an automated CircleCI testing pipeline to validate the functionality of multiple business-critical Lambda functions, accelerating development cycle time by **over 25%**.
- Deployed detailed logging across critical backend services, to allow efficient and precise investigations into events and alerts via Kibana-style dashboards.

Software Developer Co-op

Jan 2021 – Apr 2021

National Research Council Canada

Penticton, BC

- Built and deployed a suite of software systems for scheduling, executing, and storing solar observation data for research projects at the Dominion Radio Astrophysical Observatory.
- Harnessed features of etcd key/value store to dynamically monitor a subset of observation requests, reducing database traffic by **over 30%** while enabling real-time updates to the observation schedule.
- Unified communication for web applications and IoT devices via HTTP APIs.

EDUCATION

University of Victoria

Victoria, BC

Bachelor of Software Engineering, Specialization in Cyber-Physical and Smart Systems

Sep 2017 – Aug 2022

SKILLS

Languages: Python, C/C++, Go, JavaScript, HTML, CSS

Big Data: Databricks, PySpark, Delta Lake, Pandas, NumPy, Kibana

Cloud Computing: AWS (Certified Cloud Practitioner)

Tools: Git, Docker, CircleCI, Vim

Workplace: Jira, Confluence, Agile, Scrum, Kanban