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Top Skills

WHMIS
Drone Piloting
Video Editing

Languages

English (Native or Bilingual)

Certifications

Introduction to the Nova Scotia
Occupational Health and Safety Act
(SAFE1001)

Discover Cyber Security

SharePoint - Site Basics (Modern
Experience)

SharePoint - Advanced Site Owner
(Modern Experience)

Preventing Harassment and
Violence in the Workplace for
Employees

Honors-Awards

Canadian Forces' Decoration

Benjamin Hovinga, CD

Canadian Military Veteran | IT Programming Student at NSCC
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

Experience

Canadian Army | Armée canadienne

4 years 1 month

Information Management Officer

October 2024 - August 2025 (11 months)

St John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada

5th Canadian Division Support Group Garrison St. John's

Organize and manage unit SharePoint sites. Support the command suite with common IT issues.

Software Developer

August 2024 - February 2025 (7 months)

St John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada

In late August 2024 I discovered a security vulnerability within an internal web application. After disclosing it to the apps Project Manager and Director, I joined the development team for 6 months. We got the application patched quickly with no disruption to the users. Once everything was patched I continued to contribute on the team by tackling some older tickets that needed attention. During this time I also had the opportunity to participate in the first ever Canadian Army Hackathon (A hack-a-thon is a mashup of hacking and marathon).

Transportation Dispatcher

August 2021 - October 2024 (3 years 3 months)

St John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada

5th Canadian Division Support Group Garrison St. John's

Processing requests, bookings, and issuing of vehicles for lodger units and outside agencies to support domestic and expeditionary operations. Initiating rental contracts with commercial service providers. Managing purchase orders and invoices.

Skylark Aerials Canada

Drone Operator

January 2024 - August 2025 (1 year 8 months)

St John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada

Pedego Electric Bikes

E-Bike Rental & Service Specialist

June 2025 - July 2025 (2 months)

St John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada

Managed a rental fleet of 25 e-bikes, coordinated rental bookings, and serviced/repaired e-bikes. Provided guided bike tours around the city. Improved the shops battery charging station in order to reduce the risk of a battery fire.

Royal Canadian Navy | Marine royale canadienne

10 years 1 month

Professional Driver

March 2017 - August 2021 (4 years 6 months)

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

Canadian Forces Base Halifax

Providing prompt and reliable transportation services for military goods and personnel, plus chauffeuring dignitaries on and off base. Performing weekly tractor-trailer supply trips to Quebec and Ontario. Filling in as acting shift manager to maintain the 24/7 operational mandate. Performing Snow and Ice Control (SNIC) shifts in winter and maintaining clean and safe roadways on base throughout the season. Inspecting, operating, and maintaining a wide range of vehicles including:

- Class 5 vehicles (sedan, SUV, pickup truck, mini-van)
- Commercial cargo vehicles (cube-van, straight truck, tractor-trailer, reefer, air brakes)
- Commercial passenger vehicles (up to 52 passengers, wheelchair lift)
- Heavy Equipment (dump truck, front end loader, skid steer loader, snowplow, salt/sand/chemical spreader)
- Specialized vehicles (ambulance, forklift, ride on mower, ride on floor scrubber)
- Standard military patterned vehicles (HLVW, MSVS, LUVW)

Information Technology Coordinator

October 2015 - March 2017 (1 year 6 months)

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

5th Maritime Operations Group

Defence Wide Area Network (DWAN) Administrator providing first line technical support/troubleshooting of workstations and attached equipment. Authorizing and creating user accounts in Active Directory. Working alongside business partners in facilitating efficient asset life cycle management with

minimal operational impact. Supporting the Command Team with any IT requirements they may have.

Communication Information Systems Operator

September 2012 - October 2015 (3 years 2 months)

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

HMCS Montreal, HMCS St. John's, HMCS Iroquois, HMCS Preserver
Ship Local Area Network (ShipLAN) Administrator responsible for creating user accounts into the Active Directory. Performing first line technical support/troubleshooting of servers, network equipment, workstations, and attached equipment. Operating telecommunication systems including VHF marine radios, LF/HF radio data modems, mixed band satellite systems, and Iridium satellite telephone. Managing and operating cryptographic hardware, software, and physical media for use with military radio/satellite systems. Ship emergency fire team, attach team leader.

Shore-Ship Radio Teletype Operator

May 2012 - September 2012 (5 months)

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

Naval Radio Station Halifax

Operating remote, network controlled, high power LF/HF radio transceivers. Operating the Radio-Teletype Ship Shore station and monitoring message traffic. Relaying Search and Rescue Air messages with Joint Rescue Coordination Centre.

Naval Communicator (in training)

August 2011 - May 2012 (10 months)

Esquimalt, British Columbia, Canada

Canadian Forces Fleet School Esquimalt

Naval Communicators establish and manage all external voice, radio-teletype and data circuits, and provide real-time tactical information in support of operations.

Naval Communicators establish and maintain communications with national and allied networks over radio frequencies required for mission coordination, using tactical line-of-sight, long-range and satellite communications. It is also their responsibility to advise Command on tactical signaling and ship maneuvering, encoding/decoding of signals and dissemination of tactical and maneuvering signals.

Shadow Security

Security Guard

May 2019 - March 2020 (11 months)

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

Primarily worked at the Scotiabank Center in Halifax. Checked ID's and bags/purses for contraband items such as alcohol or weapons. Performed foot patrols. Operate metal detecting equipment.

Canadian Army | Armée canadienne

Mobile Support Equipment Operator (in training)

June 2017 - August 2017 (3 months)

Borden, Ontario, Canada

Canadian Forces Logistics Training Centre

Mobile Support Equipment Operators operate military vehicles ranging in size from standard automobiles to snow removal equipment and all-terrain vehicles.

The primary responsibilities of the Mobile Support Equipment Operator are to:

- Operate buses, automobiles, trucks and tractor-trailers
- Operate specialized mobile equipment such as fueling tankers, snowplows, tractors and all-terrain vehicles
- Receive, load, secure and unload materiel and equipment transported by road
- Provide transportation support for combat and field operations
- Maintain equipment in serviceable condition by cleaning, inspecting and correcting minor faults
- Prepare dispatch schedules and coordinate user requirements for vehicles and equipment
- Prepare and maintain job-related forms, records and reports

Canadian Armed Forces | Forces armées canadiennes

Basic Recruit (in training)

July 2010 - August 2011 (1 year 2 months)

St-Jean-Sur-Richelieu, Quebec, Canada

Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruit School

Basic training is the initial period of training all new recruits to the Canadian Armed Forces must go through. Recruits are trained in weapon handling, first-aid, ethics, military writing and communication, policies and regulations.

Education

Nova Scotia Community College - NSCC

Diploma of Education, IT Programming · (August 2025 - June 2027)

O'Neill Collegiate and Vocational Institute

Ontario Secondary School Diploma · (September 2004 - June 2008)

Zero To Mastery Academy

Python · (March 2023)