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skills

Languages: Java • Python • Ruby • SQL • JavaScript • TypeScript
Frameworks: Eclipse Vert.x (Reactive) • Ruby on Rails • Node • React

Data: Hadoop • Spark • Kafka • Cassandra • MongoDB • ElasticSearch • MySQL

Infrastructure & Tools: Docker • GraphQL • Git • Jenkins • Azure

experience

Backend Engineer Intern @ Shopify

Toronto, Jan 2021 - Apr 2021

- Worked on Shopify's Google sales channel application, shipped backend features and optimizations with Rails to 400,000+ merchants
- Optimized Redis infrastructure by removing unused shards and updating clock job queuing logic, cutting average RAM usage by ~15%
- Developed onboarding flow for latest Google sales programs with Ruby, GraphQL, and Google API's, launched beta to **100+** shops
- Refactored current onboarding data model using Rails AR/LHM migrations, simplifying the addition of new programs/analytics events

Software Engineer Intern @ NVIDIA

Santa Clara, May 2020 - Aug 2020

- Led the end-to-end development of a reactive ETL pipeline (5M+ msgs/day) that processes critical test data from 100+ NVIDIA projects
- Wrote a Python script that purges Artifactory artifacts based on data retention rules, removing ~5GB of unused resources every month
- Converted a monolithic app into a reactive Java microservice using Vert.x, raising throughput by **~6x** and enabling dynamic scalability
- Leveraged ApacheBench and JProfiler to identify bottleneck operations in posting API, refactored code to decrease latency by ~23%

Full Stack Developer Intern @ LCBO next

Waterloo, Sep 2019 - Dec 2019

- Built a cron-based web scraper that extracts marketable content from 950+ webpages, increasing app conversion paths from 9 to 400
- Developed a Node ETL pipeline that tags products with new properties to improve search precision, decreasing search exits by 25%
- Designed an indexing strategy with ElasticSearch aliases that prevents data loss during API crashes in 3 large-scale data pipelines
- Co-built and deployed a Node recommendation engine, leveraging compound ElasticSearch queries to address customer indecision

Software Developer Intern @ OpenText

Toronto, Jan 2019 - Apr 2019

- Developed a monitoring service with Spring and Thymeleaf that reports on the state of Java Agents, notifying users of build timeouts
- Refactored a high-profile deprecated dashboard into an Angular PWA used by 800+ stakeholders at annual enterprise conference

Infrastructure Specialist @ Canadian Tire Corporation

Toronto, May 2018 - Aug 2018

Streamlined inefficient VM configuration processes by writing PowerShell automation scripts used by 50+ employees across IT teams

leadership

Software Developer @ UWBlueprint

Waterloo, Sep 2019 - Dec 2019

- Built a web platform for a non-profit accelerator group (~100 users) aimed to scale and manage their application selection process
- Co-designed a document data model to represent application flows and developed CRUD operations with React/Redux and MongoDB

projects

Oubre Sentiment Analysis Platform (Java, Kafka, Spark, Cassandra)

Repo Slidedeck

• A data platform that performs sentiment analysis on live tweets and writes periodic MapReduce aggregations into a data warehouse

WeWatch (React, Node, Redis)

Repo

• A swipe-based web application leveraging web sockets (Socket.IO) and Redis store to match groups with movies of mutual interest

NBA Draft Analysis (Python, Scikit-learn)

Repo Case Study

• Implemented k-means clustering algorithms with Jupyter Notebook to study playstyle trends in NBA draftees over the past 30 years

education

University of Waterloo | 4A Management Engineering (CGPA: 3.7)

Sep 2017 - Apr 2022