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EDUCATION

National University of Singapore

August 2022 - May 2025

Bachelor of Computing, Computer Science (with Honours)

- First Class Honours.
- Distinction in Algorithms & Theory, Parallel Computing, Database Systems and Programming Languages focus areas.
- Integrating AI predictors in Sniper Multi-Core Simulator as Final Year Project.

Experience

Optiver | Software Engineer Intern

May 2024 - August 2024

• C++ developer working on connectivity software.

Open Government Products | Software Engineer Intern

May 2023 - August 2023

- Improved selection logic of GitHub tokens for API calls to double efficiency of rate limits and improve ease to monitor.
- Implemented features to Isomer such as preview images, last updated time and placeholder files.
- Drafted a plan to migrate Isomer's git service provider and over 800 hosted site repositories from GitHub to GitLab.

Atom Assets Exchange | Software Engineer Intern

January 2022 – July 2022

- Developed a native gateway client with Boost.ASIO that communicates execution data in TCP protocol to London Stock Exchange Group's matching engine service.
- Developed a market data collection service with of exchanges over websockets and stores it in Apache Parquet format.
- Set up integration tests with GoogleTest framework for native gateway client and matching engine service.
- Contributed to the development of a market making strategy that quotes at 1 tick spread for high volume digital assets.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

High Performance: C, C++, Make, CMake, Boost, ASIO, Beast, GoogleTest

Web: Typescript, Javascript, HTML, CSS, NodeJS, ExpressJS, ReactJS, JestJS, Axios, ChakraUI, Flask

Database: SQL, MySQL, PostgreSQL, SQLite, Sequelize

Data Modeling & Analytics: Python, NumPy, Pandas, Matplotlib, Scikit-Learn, PyTorch, Tensorflow

Tools & Misc: Git, Docker, Amazon Web Services, LATEX

ACHIEVEMENTS

ICPC Challenge | Algorithm/Heuristic Design Competition by Huawei

2023

- Won Second Prize in Spring Online Challenge and achieved 26th place in onsite Challenge Championship with the problem Buffer Sharing(and Preallocation) for Multi-tenant Database Environment.
- Designed a caching algorithm that greatly outperforms common cache replacement policies such as Least Recently Used.

Ready Trader Go | Algorithmic Trading Competition by Optiver

March 2023

• Reached top 16 by building an autotrader that reliably achieved profits and outperformed other autotraders.

Terminal | Strategic AI Programming Competition by Correlation One

August 2022

Champions in Summer Invitational for designing an AI in tower defense simulations that won all rounds in playoffs.

Competitive Programming Competitions

2019 - 2023

- $\bullet\,$ 3rd in 2021 and 2nd in 2022 of Credit Suisse Global Coding Challenge, South-East Asia region.
- 2nd in CodeIt Suisse 2022 Singapore Team Category.
- 15th in Google Farewell round C 2023, 63rd in round D and 16th in round F of Google Kickstart.

Projects

Minerva Chess Engine | C/C++, CMake, GoogleTest

May 2023 – August 2023

- Developed a chess engine that achieved approximately 2650 elo rating according to STS-rating test suites.
- Implemented chess programming techniques such as bitboards representation, bitwise move generation, quiescence and negamax search, transposition table with Zobrist hashing. Integrated StockFish NNUE for evaluating leaf nodes.
- Incorporated telegram bot front-end open for users to play against.

SGExams Website | Javascript, ExpressJS, ReactJS, PostgreSQL, AWS

January 2020 – August 2023

- Served as team lead of a group of volunteering student developers in building the www.exams.sg website.
- Notes repository with more than 20,000 registered users sharing and uploading their notes.
- Platform for the organisation to publicise their programmes and initiatives.

Exam Timetable Generator | Python, NumPy, Pandas, Matplotlib, Flask

May 2019 – September 2019

- Utilised genetic algorithm to assign examination invigilation duties for teachers, reducing manual administrative work.
- Deployed the functionalities on a web application with Python Flask.