Houfu Chen

Electriccal & Computer Engineering

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Education

University of Waterloo (Undergraduate)

September, 2018 - June, 2023

Bachelor of Applied Science, Nanotechnology Engineering (With Distinction)

University of Toronto (Graduate)

September, 2023 - November, 2025

- Candidate for Master of Engineering in Electriccal & Computer Engineering
- Recommended to enhance MEng program through promotional testimonial

Awards & Achievements

- President's Research Award (Sep. 2019)
- President's Scholarship of Distinction (July, 2019)
- Ontario Scholar, Minister of Education (Jun, 2017)
- Top 25% in Euclid Mathematics Contest, Top 1 in highschool (2017)

TA Experience

APS1070 (Foundations of Data Analytics and ML)

Winter 2024, Summer 2024, Fall 2024 @ UofT

• Marking, Tutorial, Piazza, Invigilation

CSC108 (Introduction to Computer Programming)

Winter 2024, Fall 2024 @ UofT

• Marking, Office Hour, Classroom Help, Invigilation MIE370 (Introduction to ML)

Summer 2024, Fall 2024 @UofT

- Creating Projects, Tutorials, Exam questions.
- Marking, Office Hour, Invigilation

Work Experience

CarPlay Network Performance Optimization | Ford Motor | Python, Slash testing, DET

May 2022 - August 2022

- Fixed issues from the Transmission Control Unit (TCU) daily performance testing.
- Designed ways to optimize and test the TCU throughput in different scenarios.
- Fixed 40+ SSH exception issues by updating the Ubuntu and iPerf versions, changing the WLAN cmd.
- Fixed several selenium exception errs by changing the ChromeDriver version of the testing laptop.
- · Wrote a guide on how to operate Ubuntu and how to use iPerf3 to run the performance tests, as well as how to fix certain common issues like SSH exception and selenium exception, for later testers' use.

QA-Developer | Manulife, Online Banking Squad, Waterloo | JavaScript, React, WebDriver IO

January 2020 - April 2020

- Developed and fixed components in web pages using Modern (ES6) JavaScript, HTML, and MUX components.
- Wrote BDDs to test cross-browser (4 different browsers) behavior of online banking site, found and fixed 9 IE defects in total.
- Improved technical health of the entire code base, fixed 40+ SonarQube issues, achieved 98%+ code coverage.
- Conducted a product demo in a 50+ people group meeting, including developers, business analysts, stakeholders, and product owners.

QA Automation Specialist | Teranet CMS, Recovery Division | C#, Selenium

September 2020 - December 2020

- Writing regression tests with C# under Selenium framework.
- Optimizing test execution time and technical health.

QA-Developer | Imagine Communications Corp | TypeScript, MySQL

January 2021 - April 2021

- · Writing daily tests to notify the team of daily server status,
- Retrieving information from the webpage UI, also writing autonomous testing scripts to interact by clicks, keystrokes, etc (By css).

Projects

Emergency Route Planning | Python, LLM

September 2024 - December 2024

- Used several APIs and geospatial analysis tools to simulate route planning.
- Devised a new algorithm based off from ACO which completely beats traditional Dijkstra in terms of total evacuation time.
- Deployed Meta-prompt using evaulation system, fed to LLM to produce the optimal route.

Food-Raccoon: Food Recommendation System | Python, LLM November 2024

Transform the 'craving flavour' into actual restaruant recommendations through LLM and several other APIs such as Yelp and Google Places.

Autonomous Robot | LEGO MINDSTORMS

July 2018 - August 2018

- In a group of 3, successfully designed, programmed, & troubleshot the robot to perform tasks, received 3rd place.
- Presented 4 tasks in final demo (retrieving and tracking), using only one month to prepare.

Technical Skills

Spoken Language:

English (IELTS score 7.5)

Chinese (Mandarin, 1st language)

Automation Testing:

SlashBDD, TDD, Selenium, Gherkins, React, Redux, Nodejs Cumcumber, WebDriver IO, BrowserStack, SonarQube, ESLint

Azure:

Azure Data Factory, Azure Data Lake, Azure Databricks, Azure Cosmos DB, Azure Notebook

Programming Languages:

Python, C++, Bash scripting,

HTML, CSS, Modern JavaScript, Java, C#, Matlab

Data/Circuit/Mechanical Analysis:

SQL Microsoft Server, LTspice, SolidWorks, AutoCAD, LayoutEditor