

Summary

Seeking multi-functional position improving the world through *applied safe AI*. 2 years of work experience as a FE Engineer (TS/JS), 1 year of experience w/ Python/ML/LLMs. **Passionate, Collaborative, Innovative.**

Work Experience

Cisco, Software Engineer

Jul 2023 - June 2025

Frontend Developer

- Developed modern, high-performance Angular applications, leveraging RxJS, NgRx, Signals, Cypress, Jest
- Took initiative to explore AI/LLM applications, contributing to hackathon-winning project on AI use cases
- Researched, presented, maintained, and enforced best practices across frontend projects

Backend / Agentic AI Developer

Mar - June 2025

- Joined two teams focused on building agentic AI systems for sentiment analysis and data visualization
- Worked with Langchain, Weaviate, SQL (Python), and Genkit (TypeScript) across different agentic use cases
- Got up to speed quickly, built agent evaluation pipelines, improved latency through parallelization

Cisco, Software Engineer Intern

Jun 2022 - Sep 2022

- Formed team of interns to improve sentiment analysis project (HF) - improved accuracy from 65 to 94%
- Built test harnesses for shared Angular components to improve robustness
- Created Electron app to pull data from Mixpanel, visualize w/ D3.js, and generate ppts w/ C# and OpenXML

Projects

ARENA AI safety program (unaffiliated)

March 2025

- Completed the foundational chapter (0). Used pytorch, np & more to recreate ML models from scratch

Kid-fight game

Oct-Nov 2024

- Used sockets, pygame, LLM calling to make a creative multiplayer game that uses LLMs for arbitration

LLM Chaining Exploration

Oct 2024

- Took apart existing research paper, explored patterns for chaining LLM calls to improve performance
- Converted python code to async, explored logging methods for LLM chains, got familiar w/ openAIs apis

Cisco LLM Generation, Data Science

Aug 2024

- Worked on a project doing data science to improve an internal LLM email generation process at Cisco
- Built helper visualization methods, multiple notebooks, experimented with cleaning e.g. LLM, vector sim.

LLM Verbal Assistant

Jul 2024

- Created a note-taking assistant w/ an iOS app and Node server that transcribes and responds verbally

Cisco Hackathon, AI Use Cases

May 2024

- Team won first place in an internal Cisco hackathon. I built a simple LLM + RAG system w/ Streamlit & FAISS

Passage, L.I.F.E

Sep 2021 - Jun 2022

- Created app (Flutter) with Bluetooth sync, persistent data storage, learning content, for kids in LATAM

Education & Technical Skills

Santa Clara University, B.S. General Engineering, Design thinking

Mar 2023

Languages: Python, JavaScript, Typescript

Software/Frameworks: pd, np, any.io, einops, pytorch, langchain, weaviate, openAI APIs, Angular, Cypress, Jest, React, Svelte, Figma

Contact  

danielmccannsayles@gmail.com

linkedin.com/in/daniel-mccann-sayles