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SUMMARY

- Strong CS and Math fundamentals, with interests in solving challenging, analytical problems
- Passion for developing and experimenting with new tech through hackathons and open-source

EDUCATION

University of Waterloo - Bachelor of Software Engineering, Year 3B

Sep 2013 – present

- Cumulative average of 87% (3.95 GPA) Top 10 ranking in class (3 terms)
- Courses (C/C++/Java): Data Structures/Algorithms, Operating Systems, Compilers, Concurrency

EXPERIENCE

Riviera Partners – Full-Stack Developer (Ruby, React)

San Francisco, CA (May 2016 – present)

- Implemented core app functionality on a Ruby backend in a small, fast-paced environment
- Improved login module robustness with authentication, OmniAuth, identity, and validation work
- Replaced external plugin with in-app functionality using React, streamlining recruiter workflows
- Increased app scalability by coding workers to purge unused database objects and adding seeds
- Wrote clean, maintainable code and unit tests in RSpec, passing integration tests and peer-review

DBRS Limited – Full-Stack C# Developer

Toronto, ON (Sep 2015 – Dec 2015)

- Rewrote main AngularJS modules used across the application to support restructured processes
- Built a dashboard for sleek data presentation and entry, improving analyst productivity
- Constructed an automated report builder through SQL querying and custom spreadsheet parsing

Ultimate Software – *Applications Developer*

Weston, FL (Jan 2015 - Apr 2015)

- Created an interactive page-scraper from scratch for Selenium code-generation, in JavaScript
- Optimized analytics application by reducing complex dependencies, improving speed by 100%

Toronto Hydro – Systems Engineer

Toronto, ON (May 2014 – Aug 2014)

GitHub: https://github.com/dcaoyz

- Automated data input and statistical analysis through scripts, reducing manual input time by 90%

PROJECTS

Home Security Robot – HackPrinceton Finalist and Prize Winner

https://github.com/ICUbot

- Uses Kinect to autonomously detect foreign humans and chase away would-be intruders
- Provides a live status and image feed on social media through a Node.js backend
- Implements multi-threading to responsively handle movements, media, and HTTP request