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## EXPERIENCE

## Software Engineering Intern

Jun. 2024 – Present

London Stock Exchange Group - Sustainable Finance Innovation Unit

Singapore

LSEG Labs addresses challenges in financial markets by assessing climate risks and simplifying ESG disclosure

- Contributed to the development of a microservices architecture, enhancing scalability with minimal overhead costs
- Leveraged Infrastructure as Code (IaC) with Terraform to deploy a data-sharing module, achieving consistent, error-free deployments, reduced provisioning times, and ensuring idempotency across multiple environments
- Implemented testing pipelines for cloud applications, ensuring error-free releases and minimizing deployment risks

### Software Engineering Intern

Jan. 2024 - Jun. 2024

NodeFlair - Tech Career Platform for Southeast Asia

Singapore

NodeFlair is a startup that connects tech talents with job opportunities, streamlining the recruitment process

- Extended existing API on the Ruby on Rails back-end to accommodate new services, elevating site capabilities
- Implemented automated testing in parallel, achieving a 50% reduction in Continuous Integration (CI) testing time
- Set up Docker images for development to mimic production environment, reducing on-boarding time by 80%
- Deployed programmatic SEO strategies to automate the creation of SEO-optimised pages, increasing organic traffic
- Maintained and upgraded functionalities of a Plasmo browser extension, facilitating smoother access to AI tools
- Assisted in upgrading dependencies, ensuring compatibility and improving overall site performance

#### Software Engineering / Machine Learning Intern

Nov. 2023 - Jan. 2024

Home Team Science and Technology Agency (HTX) - xData

Singapore

xData builds data and AI products that enhances the Home Team's capabilities in internal and mission-based operations

- Utilised GenAI to automate the construction of knowledge graphs from unstructured text
- Leveraged knowledge graphs and vector databases to enhance multi-hop question answering (QA) performance during retrieval augmented generation (RAG), leading to greater context precision
- Explored multi-agent LLMs to augment QA capabilities, leading to enhanced complex analysis performance
- Worked on Vertext, an in-house NLP tool serving 10+ government agencies redesigned frontend with React to improve user experience and refactored codebase to reuse components for cleaner implementation
- Utilized Python with BeautifulSoup for web scraping and performed data cleaning using pandas and NumPy

#### **EDUCATION**

#### National University of Singapore

Singapore

Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Engineering, E-Scholars Programme (3yrs BEng + 1yr MSc)

#### **Hwa Chong Institution**

Singapore

GCE A-Levels, 90/90RP (PCME) with H3 Physics Distinction

#### Projects / Extracurriculars

Insecure File Service | Simple file sharing service for public use - try it out at ifs.kenf.dev! Sep. 2024 - Present

- Developed a serverless file sharing service using AWS Lambda, CloudFront, and S3, managed with Terraform
- Adopted by over 50 users for sending files to public printers, eliminating the need for sign-ins on public machines

Basic Home Server | Repurposed laptop running Ubuntu Server for personal use

Feb. 2024 - Present

- Exposed to the internet via Cloudflare Tunnels and secured with Cloudflare Zero Trust
- Utilised as a cloud compute platform to self-host backend services and primarily functioning as a NAS device

### Programming Lead | CloudHacks 2024

Nov. 2023 - Jun. 2024

• Led a team of 3 using Agile methodology to redesign and rebuild promotional website with the Nextjs framework

<u>AIded</u> | Utilised VGG16 and YOLOv8 to detect anomalies in secure workplaces, accelerating the accounting process <u>HeritageHunt</u> | Full-stack native application featuring a personalised and gamified way to learn about Singapore

 $\underline{\textbf{SoundBytes}} \mid \textbf{Full-stack web application for personalised news podcasts, built with OpenAI and Amazon Polly}$ 

#### Awards

Micron BACC 2024 - 2nd Runner-up | Ground Zero 2024 - Finalist | SCS Splash Awards 2023 - 1st Place SUTD What the Hack 2023 - 1st Place | HTX HacX! 2023 - 2nd Runner-up | CloudHacks 2023 - 1st Place

# TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: JavaScript, Python, Ruby, C, C++, SQL, PostgreSQL, HTML/CSS Frameworks: React, React Native, Node.js, Flask, Django, Ruby on Rails, Plasmo

Developer Tools: Git, Docker, AWS, Microsoft Azure, Google Cloud Platform, Firebase, Supabase, Neo4j

Libraries: NumPy, pandas, Matplotlib, TensorFlow, PyTorch, LangChain, ThreeJS