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Education

University of Toronto, St. George

2023 - 2028

HBSc. Computer Science, Co-Op Program (ASIP) — GPA: 3.94 / 4.00 (Dean's List Scholar)

Toronto, ON

Technical Skills

Lanugages: Python, Java, JavaScript, Assembly, TypeScript, Bash, R, C/C++, HTML/CSS, MySQL

Frameworks & Platforms: React.js, React Native, Angular, Flask, Expo, FastAPI, PyTest, JUnit

Development Tools: JIRA, Confluence, Azure, Firebase, Hugging Face, GitHub, OpenShift, Docker

Libraries: matplotlib, sklearn, pandas, transformers, opencv, pytorch, openai

Experience

Royal Bank of Canada (RBC)

May 2025 - present

Data Scientist — Co-Op

Toronto, ON

- Completed design, bechmarking, and deployment of speech-to-text service for internal tool supporting **75,000+** employees worldwide within **first month of joining**.
- Designed new finetuning backbone for a prompt autocompletion service using ingestion of 200,000+ bank policies.

Machine Learning Developer

Sep. 2024 - May 2025

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Toronto, ON

- Improved dataset labeling efficiency by **over 500%** by designing a **prompt engineering** workflow with **GPT models** via Azure AI Foundry, reducing costs for data preprocessing in model training.
- Eliminated data collection costs** by synthesizing training data; tuned LLM hyperparameters to achieve text generation replicating the characteristics of existing data, expanding available assets to train classification models.

Projects

Stack: Course Multimedia Indexer — 📄 *Github*

May 2024 - Mar 2025

- Outperformed SOTA models by **24%** for the *SPaSe* benchmark dataset with a Mask R-CNN model designed to segment presentation slide elements (e.g. title, links, text, diagrams).
- Designing **React Native** app with Expo that automatically compiles and indexes uploaded course multimedia, providing students with centralized and efficient topic lookup when studying.

TapIt: NFC-Enabled Social Media Sharing (Hack the North 2024) — 📄 *Github*

Sep 2024

- Implemented the **react-native-nfc-manager** library to write social media links to any Ndef-enabled NFC tag, as well as handle data read by the device.
- Brought an **Expo - React Native** app to production in under 32 hours, enabling users to to load mutiple custom profiles and write to an available NFC tag.

Interrsect: LLM Notes Summarizer — 🌐 *Website* — 📄 *Github*

Sep 2022 - May 2023

- Developed BART model based on **bart-large-cnn**, finetuned on **arxiv-summarization**, to generate improved study notes using aggregated work by students.
- Achieved a **ROUGE-2** score of **15.13**, expressing **strong shortform text generation**.
- Designed **React.js** end user interface hosted on Google Firebase, with data managed through **Firestore Database** and model connected via Hugging Face Inferencing.

Awards

Youth Science Canada

2021, 2023

2-time bronze medalist at the **Canada-Wide Science Fair** and top **0.1%** of projects in the country.