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Skills

Languages Python, C++, Java/Kotlin, C#, JavaScript/TypeScript, Go, SQL, Bash, Rust, Swift

Tools Tensorflow, NumPy, Pandas, JAX, GCP/AWS/Azure, Node, GraphQL, React, Flask, Docker, Linux Administration

Courses ML(Python), AI and RL (Python), Computer Networks (Python), Real Time (C), Digital Hardware Systems (Verilog), OS (C++)

Work Experience

Menlo Park, California

Software Engineer Intern on Profile Systems Infra - PHP (Hack), JavaScript

Sept 2024 - Present

- Engineered internal tool to understand the hierarchy and adminship model of 235 million Facebook Business Profiles
- Fixed 3 SEVs using my internal tool and patched a code component that impacts 1000+ files for 3 billion MAUs
- Refactored 14 year old infrastructure on FB Pages, ridding of 20+ deprecated functions and optimizing logic by 31%

inkedIn Sunnyvale, California

Software Engineer Intern on **Seeker Agent** - Python, Java, gRPC

May 2024 - Aug 2024

- Deployed a Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG) service to standardize search filters for LinkedIn's Seeker Agent, achieving up to an **89.05**% improvement in accuracy for people search and **81.75**% for job search
- Led the development and optimization of ML tools, coordinating with cross-functional teams. Managed the migration of tools (5000 lines) from Java to Python, improving system efficiency of Seeker AI features
- Worked with the team on a huge backend release, introducing several new features and fixing bugs. Successfully resolved a critical issue in production for on-call, reducing error rate by **92.86**%

University of Waterloo Toronto, Ontario

Undergraduate ML Researcher with Professor Pascal Poupart - Jax, PyTorch, Gym

Jan 2024 - Present

- Leveraged **DQN** reinforcement and machine learning algorithms to simulate contextual bandits
- Built a Deepset transformer model, solving the cold start problem and outperforming current RL models by 30%
- Developed **UCB and Thompson Sampling** baselines to evaluate the model's performance across various ML datasets

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Software Engineer Intern on **Recruiter Reporting** - JavaScript, Python

May 2023 - Sep 2023

- Developed custom LinkedIn Recruiter tooling which replaced 90% of customer facing legacy metric and insight charts
- Simplified chart creation process by 80% for 100+ engineers by creating reusable components
- Implemented chart tooling to enforce universal accessibility and i18n guidelines for 200,000+ customers

BitGo Remote in Canada

Software Engineer Intern on **Defi Wallet** - TypeScript, React Native, Next.js

Jan 2023 - May 2023

- Built core features in Bitgo's Web3 Wallet over Android, iOS
- Deployed checklist and watchlist features to production which directly resulted in 10K daily active mobile users
- Identified and fixed dashboard logic issues on Bitgo's **main product**, unblocking many of Bitgo's important clients

Splunk Toronto, Ontario

Software Engineer IoT Intern on **Edge Hub** - Python, Flask, Swift

May 2022 - Aug 2022

- Developed an IoT device with embedded firmware and deployed a status light ring feature for device control
- Fixed backend vulnerabilities. Improved user interface latency by 20% from multithreaded calls and code refactoring

D2L Corporation Toronto, Ontario

Software Developer Intern on D2L Labs - JavaScript, Node.js, AWS

Sep 2021 - Dec 2021

- Refactored workflow engine using **Lambda** functions and owned scheduling workflow actions
- Wrote tools in to replicate AWS services such as SQS and DynamoDB TTL locally which reduced development time

Proiects

Real-Time Operating System for Train Control

C, ARM, Raspberry Pi Jan 2024

- Designed and implemented a threaded real-time kernel for train control, using low-level services and assembly language
- Engineered interfaces in C to enable message passing, context switching, dynamic memory allocation and scheduling

Education

University of Waterloo

Waterloo, Ontario

Sep 2020 - Apr 2025

Computer Science Coop - AI and Digital Hardware Specialization
- 3.9/4 GPA (90.13%) - René Descartes National Math Scholarship (\$25,000 to less than 10 students)