

GEORGE BARAKAT

Backend Software Engineer

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SUMMARY

Backend Software Engineer with hands-on experience building REST APIs, server-side integrations, automated workflows, and cloud-ready services across enterprise environments. Skilled in Java, Python, and SQL, with experience in Docker, Kubernetes, Git, AWS, CI/CD, and content/workflow management systems.

Proven ability to design reliable backend components, improve engineering efficiency, develop API-driven integrations, and collaborate with cross-functional teams in Agile environments. Passionate about building clean, scalable, and fault-tolerant systems.

EDUCATION & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Brock University

Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science
2018 – 2023

Minor in Business
2018 – 2023

2nd Place Winner - CuHacking Hackathon

Developed CareConnect, a 36-hour hackathon project leveraging Gemini APIs, voice interaction, and sentiment analysis to create an AI system designed to support orphans with empathetic, emotion-aware responses rather than purely logic-driven interactions.

FRAMEWORKS & TOOLS

Java, Python, Golang, SQL, JS	Docker, Kubernetes, Git
React, Node, and Express JS	Firebase, AWS, PostgreSQL
JUnit, Google Cloud APIs	OpenAI APIs, Apache Kafka

PROJECTS

- AI Customer Care Chatbot
 - Developed an AI Customer Care chatbot using OpenAI tokens for the Niagara On The Lake museum. Answering FAQs about exhibits and museum hours. Offering directions and interactive map integration. Fed it a dataset of historical information and FAQs from the museum's archives. Fine-tuned OpenAI's model using this data to ensure accurate and context-aware responses.
- AI Driven Chess Game
 - Implemented a Chess game using Pygame using the MiniMax Algorithm where AI uses a decision tree to evaluate all possible moves. The algorithm evaluates positions based on a heuristic evaluation function to decide the best move.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Jr Application Developer

FirstOntario Credit Union - Stoney Creek | April, 2025 - Present

- Designed and implemented automated workflows using Robotic Process Automation (RPA) tools to streamline business operations and improve efficiency.
- Developed and optimized document management solutions with Laserfiche, creating and customizing workflows for content capture, storage, and retrieval.
- Configured and maintained applications within the Temenos banking platform, focusing on system integration and customization to meet specific business requirements.
- Unit testing, deployment, and ongoing support of developed applications and automated processes.

Software Engineer

KIWI CODE - Oakville | Dec, 2023 - April, 2025

- Designed and developed custom websites for small businesses using React.js for front-end and Node.js for server-side functionalities.
- Utilized expertise in React.js to build responsive and engaging user interfaces, enhancing overall user experience.
- Leveraged Node.js to develop robust server-side applications, facilitating seamless data communication and business logic.
- Implemented RESTful APIs with Node.js to ensure smooth data exchange between the front end and backend systems.
- Employed Firebase as a Backend-as-a-Service (BaaS) solution for database management, user authentication, and real-time data synchronization.

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TD Bank - Toronto | April, 2022 - July 2022

- Assisted in developing and maintaining features of the TD mobile banking app using Java.
- Followed secure coding practices like input validation, basic encryption standards, and error handling to ensure data protection and compliance with company policies.
- Wrote and executed unit tests (u-tests) using JUnit, achieving 80% code coverage on the modules I worked on.
- Supported end-to-end testing efforts using Selenium, validating user workflows across different devices and scenarios.
- Identified and documented bugs during testing, working closely with the development team to resolve issues before deployment.