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EDUCATION

University of California, Davis

Davis, California

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (GPA: 3.768)

September 2018 – June 2022

WORK EXPERIENCE

Nielsen

Software Engineer – Platform Tools DevOps Team

July 2022 - Present

- Spearheaded the creation of Platform's next-generation internal application.
 - Developed the frontend in React, integrating libraries such as Material-UI for a modern and responsive user interface.
 - Built the backend infrastructure with Golang (Gin) to handle routes and efficiently process data.
 - Created a Python microservice to automate key processes, including dequeuing from AWS SQS, triggering GitLab pipelines, and updating PostgreSQL tables.
 - Implemented user authentication and token validation using **Okta**.
 - Instituted **unit tests** to maintain code quality and reliability.
 - Constructed application images with **Docker**, ensuring production-ready image builds.
 - Deployed images onto Kubernetes clusters via Helm charts, enhancing scalability and manageability.
 - Developed GitLab CI/CD pipelines to automate image builds and deployments.
 - Automated version control via CI/CD integration with semantic release.
- Developed the end-to-end onboarding process for one of Platform's core services.
 - Crafted a multi-step onboarding form using React.
 - Prepopulated fields in the onboarding form with calls to GitLab's API.
 - Developed an additional view in the admin panel using React for request management, approvals, and edits.
 - Developed the corresponding Java Spring Boot REST API to process update PostgreSQL tables accordingly.
 - Implemented an additional service in the backend that utilizes a GitLab trigger token to trigger a CI/CD pipeline.
- Enhanced a Flask application through integrating authentication and auditing.
 - Integrated an **Okta middleware** to intercept and authenticate every request.
 - Developed system-wide auditing to meticulously track and record all operations.
 - Leveraged SQLAlchemy to dynamically create a dedicated auditing table upon application startup, ensuring data persistence.
 - Implemented the logging of operation details into a **PostgreSQL table**, providing a comprehensive record of all application activities.

Software Engineering Intern – Platform Tools DevOps Team

June 2021 – *August* 2021

- Designed and implemented an algorithm that identifies optimal hours to scale server resources.
 - Integrated the algorithm into the backend **Spring Boot** application as a **Java REST API**.
 - Built a **React** frontend to help visualize the data.
 - Projected to save the team over \$400,000 annually.
- Developed a plugin that allows users to restart Kubernetes pods from the Apache Airflow webpage
 - Wrote a Java REST API that deletes specified Kubernetes pods running in the Airflow cluster
 - Leveraged Python, Flask, and HTML to build the plugin into the user interface
 - Provides admins on other teams with the ability to immediately restart their Airflow instances themselves without having to contact someone on the Platform Tools Team
- Created an algorithm that determines which tables in the data lake to cache
 - Developed a Java REST API that utilizes a SQL query to return the most frequently accessed schemas in the data lake, along with the most accessed tables in each schema
 - Built an interactive React frontend using Apache ECharts
 - Resulted in faster access times to the most popular tables in the data lake

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Python, JavaScript, Java, Golang

Tools: Git, Kubernetes, Docker, GitLab CI/CD, AWS, PostgreSQL, Helm, Apache Airflow, Okta