

James McDonald

Aspiring Software Engineer

About Me

I am a self-motivated *Computer Engineering* student who enjoys working in dynamic environments. I would like to use my software development expertise to contribute to a project that will significantly impact and improve the lives of Canadians. As I wrap-up my professional internship year, I am seeking to join a new company for the summer of 2020 before I return to school and finish my degree.

Summary of Skills

- 3+ years of computer programming experience
- Languages/Frameworks:
 - Advanced - **C, Java, SQL**
 - Proficient - **C++, JavaScript, React**
 - Prior Experience - **C#, Flutter, Python, Node**
- Experience working with **agile development** and **Git**
- Strong communication and collaboration
- Skilled in design thinking and creative problem-solving

Projects

Cube Solver

- Full stack web application which returns instructions to solve a *Rubik's Cube* based on the given state
- Created an API backend using **Java** and **Spring Boot**
- Implemented interactive frontend using **React**
- Learned about project management through independent development

Workout Helper





- Website used to plan workouts with the 5/3/1 schema
- Frontend created with **JavaScript, React** and **Bootstrap**
- Backend created with **Node, Express** and **MongoDB**
- Gained experience with designing frontend layouts and with creating server-side operations

Full online portfolio viewable at:
jamesgmcdonald.com

Community Involvement

- *CUSEC 2020 - Delegate*
- *Hacktoberfest 2019 - Contributor and Maintainer*
- *Hack the North 2019 - Participant*
- *QHack 2019 - Participant*

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Education

Queen's University

Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.Sc.) - Computer Engineering

- Graduating class of 2021
- In-major GPA of **3.6/4.3**
- Dean's List Scholar 2017-2018 and 2018-2019
- Highlight courses: **AI and Interactive Systems, Database Management Systems, Data Structures, Fundamentals of Software Development**
- Involvement: *Engineering Orientation Week* Volunteer and Teaching Assistant for *Electrical Circuits and Machines*

Professional Experience

Full Stack Developer

Statistics Canada, Ottawa ON

May 2019 - Present (*Completing Internship in April 2020*)

- Developing internal web application with over 35,000 users which is mainly used for managing employees and collecting survey responses
- Used **Java** and **SQL** to restrict service request access to specific survey types and operations in order to eliminate the possibility of errors
- Created an **AJAX** API to enable the creation of survey relationships
- Used **JavaScript** and **JQuery** to implement hotkey functions that will greatly reduce Carpal Tunnel Syndrome in field-employees
- Exposure with technologies such as **Apache Struts, Liquibase, JPA, JUnit**

Software QA Analyst Intern

Longo's Grocery, Klienberg ON

May 2018 - August 2018

- Assisted in company's transformation of vendor ordering and distribution center operations to make better use of technology
- Wrote and executed testing scripts to ensure that various applications aligned with company's business requirements before their integration
- Conducted testing sessions with internal and external stakeholders - used feedback to request software and process adjustments until approved

Extracurricular Experience

Electronics Engineer

Queen's Hyperloop Design Team, Kingston ON

September 2018 - July 2019

- Worked on an engineering design team to build a scale replica of a *Hyperloop* pod to be entered in the global *SpaceX Hyperloop* Competition
- One of 21 teams out of 1,500 applicants to be invited to the final-round
- Researched and selected pressure and IMU sensors for monitoring and maintaining the safety of the pod
- Prepared technical documentation of electrical components and how they integrate with the pod for each of the 4 documents submitted during the competition application process