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EDUCATION

University of Newcastle, Australia
B. Mathematics (Pure Mathematics)

2014-2019
GPA 6.96/7, WAM 91.39/100

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

AWS Certified Developer - Associate

valid December 2022 - December 2025

Apache Druid Basics

valid December 2021 - December 2023

WORK EXPERIENCE

Senior Developer at InterAction

May 2022 - present

I began working at InterAction on a 3 month contract to complete some short term application development for a client of theirs. There were some issues with the client's budget, so my contract was extended and I began working on improving BAU processes. When the application development began I worked on full stack applications using both Laravel (PHP) and Flask (Python). These applications included authentication, payment systems, and handling data uploads. I met with the clients and scoped out the work. I worked heavily within AWS as a part of this. While completing this development work I also worked with the operations team to assist with BAU tasks. This involved using the Quadient/GMC software Inspire.

Sessional Academic at The University of Newcastle

February 2022 - June 2022

I ran mathematics tutorials for first year science and engineering students. The content included advanced calculus, linear algebra, and differential equations. I received 5 star feedback for my teaching.

SwitchDin

SwitchDin is a energy startup that is trying to transform the world's energy grids to be highly distributed and renewable.

Data Science Engineer

July 2021 - January 2022

My team developed distributed optimisation procedures that run on edge devices (Raspberry Pi) to control distributed energy resources. This involved having to run forecasts in real time, solve a convex optimisation problem, process the output, and then have the control implemented on an external device. This was done in Python.

Data Services Team Lead (acting)

January 2021 - July 2021

In the absence of a leader for the newly formed Data Services team I stepped up to the challenge and stood in as the temporary team leader. I lead a team of four data science professionals. This role included software development, internal and external stakeholder management, and management of my team members. Some of my responsibilities included providing and managing a performant and cost effective time series database, providing and operating an OLAP site used by our external clients, developing forecasting algorithms and collaborating with other teams on convex optimisation problems, developing market based decision making technologies, and more typical reporting functionality.

Web Services Engineer

May 2020 - January 2021

I built web and mobile applications using Angular and Ionic. I worked closely with our back-end teams, designers, and external customers to deliver the best product.

Heffron

Heffron provides administration, education, and other services to assist clients with their SMSFs (Self Managed Superannuation Funds). They are specialists in this field.

November 2016 - November 2019

I began at Heffron in a data entry role. I quickly saw ways to automate many parts of my job. I taught myself how to write simple programs before taking some software engineering courses at uni. In my first year I was responsible for refactoring a critical algorithm that determines payable tax for certain SMSFs. This was done in Symfony (a php framework). I also worked on front end wizards that were written in KnockoutJS.

From here I worked on how to make certain parts of the organisation more efficient. I helped increase to use of DocuSign by writing extensive internal documentation. I worked on assessing the regular expression engine used in one of the major pieces of software that the accountants used (Class).

From here I worked on the massive project of transitioning our technology stack from a Symfony and KnockoutJS stack to a serverless architecture using AWS Lambdas (using Typescript). I used DynamoDB and IAM as a part of this. During this time I also worked on a customer facing CMS that our marketing team would ultimately manage.

Mathematics Undergraduate Summer Vacation Scholarship November 2015 - January 2016

I worked to develop a greater understanding of linear representations of k-regular sequences and Stern's diatomic sequence under the guidance of Associate Professor Michael Coons Jr.

Private tutoring

January 2012 - November 2021

I have extensive experience tutoring secondary and tertiary students in mathematics, physics, chemistry, and statistics.

TECHNOLOGIES/PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

** I have worked with this in a professional capacity in a non-trivial way*

Front-End HTML* (plus a variety of HTML templating languages like razor*, blade*, and jinja2*), CSS* (SASS*, SCSS*), Javascript*/Typescript* (Angular*, Ionic*)

Back-End Python* (Django*, Flask*), NodeJS*, Java, PHP* (Laravel*, Symfony*)

Data RDBMS (Postgres*, MySQL*, MariaDB, SQLite), NoSQL (DynamoDB*, MongoDB), Apache Druid*, Apache Superset*, RabbitMQ*, Kafka*, Redis*, Pandas*/Numpy*/other Python data packages*, R

Operating Systems Ubuntu* (16.04, 18.04*, 20.04*), MacOS X, Windows 10

Other git* (GitHub*, GitLab*, Bitbucket*), Docker*, AWS* (mainly S3*, Lambda*, APIGateway*, CloudFormation*), Microsoft Azure*, T_EX (L^AT_EX), Atlassian Suite* (JIRA*, Confluence*), Quadi-ent/GMC Inspire*

Other technologies/programming languages I have used in a limited capacity include: Ansible, Vue, React, LISP, C, C++, SPSS, MATLAB, Haskell, Docker Swarm, and Kubernetes

I am experienced in CI/CD, TDD, and Agile

ACHIEVEMENTS

Awarded the New Columbo Plan Mobility Scholarship to participate in the Reimagining India program	<i>2018</i>
Placed on the Faculty of Science Commendation List	<i>2015, 2016, 2018</i>
Awarded the School of Mathematics and Physical Sciences Vacation Scholarship	<i>2015</i>
Awarded the Shaping Futures Scholarship	<i>2015</i>
Awarded the Vice Chancellor's Scholarship for Academic Excellence in Year 12	<i>2015</i>