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EDUCATION

University of Toronto

Master of Science in Applied Computing, Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare

Sep. 2024 – June 2026

- *Relevant Coursework:* Computational Imaging, Spatial Data Analysis, Cloud-Native Data Systems, Human Factors and System Design in Healthcare

Concordia University

Bachelor of Computer Science

Sep. 2020 – May 2023

- *Relevant Coursework:* Data Structures and Algorithms, Data Analytics, Big Data, Machine Learning (ML), Artificial Intelligence, Databases (MySQL), Web Development, Information Retrieval and Web Search, Natural Language Processing

McGill University

Master of Science, Experimental Medicine

Sep. 2016 – May 2019

Bachelor of Science, Physiology

Sep. 2012 – June 2016

EXPERIENCE

Software Engineer Intern

May 2025 – Aug. 2025

Google

San Francisco Bay Area, CA

- Designed and developed an automated prompt optimization pipeline for Gemini in Workspace, reducing developer turnaround time from 3+ days to 40 minutes.
- This pipeline improved tool call correctness from 50% to 80%+ and boosted final response quality scores by over 7×, as measured by internal evaluation benchmarks.

Teaching Assistant, Intro to Software Engineering CSC301

Sep. 2024 – Apr. 2025

University of Toronto

Toronto, ON

- Mentored four undergraduate teams developing various full-stack and mobile projects
- Delivered tutorial sessions on project deliverables, automating CI/CD pipelines and testing infrastructure

Software Engineer, Machine Learning Infrastructure

July 2023 – Aug. 2024

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Toronto, ON

- Developed the architecture for an automated statistical analysis and machine learning tool to streamline data analysis for the life sciences
- Developed the architecture for a synthetic data generator to create test fixtures for ML model validation
- Piloted cross-OS development through containerized development environments for developer consistency

Software Developer Intern, Platform and Shared Services

May 2022 – Jan. 2023

SSENSE

Montreal, QC

- Implemented and deployed an automated PubSub subscription manager for message queues, reducing multiple bottlenecks and manual configuration to a single step, saving 50+ developer-hours/month
- Designed and deployed a Jenkins pipeline for API Gateway logging configuration in 8 different business domains, reducing manual configuration and errors while ensuring reproducibility
- Contributed dashboard and CI/CD plugins for an MVP developer portal that serves as a single source of truth for multiple development teams, bringing APIs, analytics and monitoring under a single roof
- Collaborated closely with DevOps and SREs for automating E2E testing and infrastructure benchmark monitoring
- SME for GitHub dependabot, automating dependency updates for 10+ repositories

Research Assistant, HIV and Gastrointestinal Immunity

Jan. 2019 – Nov. 2021

Research Institute of the McGill University Health Centre

Montreal, QC

- Supervisor: Dr. Jean-Pierre Routy, MD, FRCPC
- Determined statistical correlations between biological markers and health outcomes through wet lab and clinical studies in people living with chronic infectious diseases such as HIV and cytomegalovirus (CMV)
- Co-authored over 25 scientific publications, including 4 articles as first author
- Secured grants over \$1M to further lab research in GI health in people living with HIV

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SELECTED PROJECTS

Deterministic Simulation Testing in Key-Value Databases


Feb. 2025 – Apr. 2025

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- Implemented a simplified deterministic simulator for testing RocksDB, inspired by work done on TigerBeetleDB and Antithesis.
- Developed a modular interface that can be expanded to evaluate different key-value stores such as Valkey, FoundationDB and Cassandra.

Hybrid Emergency Room Triage Scheduler

Mar. 2024 – Present

 [Source](#) | Rust, Python, Docker, GitHub Actions

- Implementing a simulator for a hybrid triaging engine that accounts for wait-time and time-to-treat as metrics to improve hospital emergency department wait times.

Vax Populi: Analyzing COVID-19 Outcomes in the Context of Political Alignment


Nov. 2024 – Dec. 2024

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- Performed an analysis on COVID-19 case rates, vaccination rates and death rates in correlation with electoral data from NYC. Showed that conservative voters were correlated with higher case rates and death rates, while no such correlation existed for vaccination rates.

Optimizing Priors for Denoising Low-Dose Computed Tomography

Oct. 2024 – Dec. 2024

 [Source](#) | Python, PyTorch, Bash, Slurm, GitHub Actions

- Benchmarked state-of-the-art denoisers using state-space models against convolutional neural networks on low-dose computed tomography (CT) scans. Showed a 10-15% denoising improvement using ADMM vs. RED-CNN.

Automated NLP on Targeted Subdomains

Sep. 2023 – Oct. 2023

 [Source](#) | Python, Docker, Scrapy, Scikit-Learn, AFINN, GitHub Actions

- Automated web scraping on a targeted subdomain, extracting text tokens using ETL techniques for K-means clustering and sentiment analysis.

MNIST-ML


May 2023 – Jul. 2023

 [Source](#) | C++, Make

- Implemented data ingestion and naïve supervised and unsupervised machine learning (ML) algorithms (K-means, K-nearest neighbours, neural network) from scratch.

Predicting COVID-19 Waves

Dec. 2021 – May 2023

 [Source](#) | Python, Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib, Seaborn, Facebook Prophet, Jupyter

- Used ETL techniques, ML and synthetic data along with Facebook Prophet to predict future waves of COVID-19 in Canada using data provided by Health Canada.

Ticket Price Bot

Apr. 2023 – May 2023

 [Source](#) | Python, BeautifulSoup4, GitHub Actions

- Created a web scraper/data miner that collects ticket pricing data, then parses it into a webhook payload using REST APIs. Runs on a CI/CD pipeline using GitHub Actions.

Hit Song Classifier

Feb. 2023 – Apr. 2023

 [Source](#) | Python, Apache Spark, Dask, Jupyter, GitHub Actions, Spotify Web API

- Generated a big data ML song classifier using song features from the Spotify API as well as Billboard Hot 100 rankings from the past 50 years, using ETL and ML in Apache Spark.
- Configured dev environment, directory structure, and enforced style through automated CI/CD.

Reddit Stock Picker

Nov. 2021 – Dec. 2021

 [Source](#) | Python, Scikit-learn, NumPy, Matplotlib, Seaborn, Jupyter

- Collaborated in a team of four to perform sentimental analysis on Reddit posts in popular financial/investing subreddits to determine best-performing stocks.

- Used natural language processing (NLP) and sentimental analysis to determine text sentiment as a predictive feature for stock performance.
- Generated performance metrics on different classification ML models including decision trees, random forest classifiers, support vector machines, and logistic regressors.

Online Grocery Store

Jun. 2021 – Aug. 2021

 [Source](#) | HTML, CSS, JavaScript (JS), Bootstrap, PHP, XML

- Collaborated in a team of five to create an online grocery store for a course project.
- Contributed to full-stack development including front-end using Bootstrap and JS, and vanilla PHP and XML for backend.
- Taught team members how to use Git and GitHub for version control using the Gitflow framework.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Python, C/C++, Java, Rust, JavaScript, TypeScript, SQL (MySQL, SQLite), R

Developer Tools: Git, GitHub, Jenkins, AWS, Docker, Kubernetes, CI/CD, VSCode, Neovim

Libraries & Frameworks: Apache Spark, Hadoop, PyTorch, pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib

Domains: Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), Deep Learning, Natural Language Processing (NLP), Data Science, Data Engineering, DevOps, Software Engineering, Full-Stack Web Development, Big Data