# **Krish Chopra**

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#### **EDUCATION**

# **University of Waterloo & Wilfrid Laurier University**

Sep. 2023 - Present

Candidate for Bachelor of Computer Science and Business Administration - BCS & BBA (Dual Degree)

- Relevant Courses: Object-Oriented Software Development (C++), Algorithm Design & Abstraction (C), Functional Programming
- Awards: René Descartes National Scholarship (\$25,000), President's Scholarship of Distinction (\$2,000)
- Activities/Societies: Vice President of UW Data Science Club plan biweekly academic and social events for 350+ club members

#### **EXPERIENCE**

# Garage (YC W24), Software Engineering Intern | New York City, NY

May 2024 - Aug. 2024

- Built website features and improved search/sorting algorithms with Next.js & Node.js, increasing site traffic by 65% to 1,000 DAUs
- Architected a recommendation system using vector embeddings, and created an AI-based truck appraisal tool (92% price accuracy)
- Constructed web scraping pipeline (Python, Beautiful Soup) to aggregate dataset of 1,500+ fire trucks and inform product pricing

# Royal Bank of Canada, Software Developer Intern | Toronto, ON

Jul. - Aug. 2023 | Jul. - Aug. 2022

- Automated PDF data extraction process with character recognition (Java, Tesseract OCR) to cut manual data entry time by 75%
- Processed RESTful API requests and improved system architecture to be able to handle 300,000 legal compliance cases per year
- Worked in weekly agile sprints to develop a secure internal URL shortener (Node.js, React, PostgreSQL), saving 50+ hours/month

### Hatch Coding, Software Developer Intern | Toronto, ON

Jul. 2021 - Sep. 2021

- Managed the Python & JavaScript codebase of the Hatch platform, with over 600 guided projects/challenges for students to build
- Developed and edited existing projects to increase user-friendliness, utilizing the p5.js and Processing.py programming libraries

#### York Region Presidents' Council, Chair | York Region, ON

Jul. 2020 - Sep. 2022

- Led a team of 12 to represent 128,000+ students across the York Region DSB, hosting monthly events to gather student input
- Helped reform the board's Mental Health and Addictions Strategy, resulting in an additional \$1 million in mental health funding

#### **PROJECTS**

**Encore:** React TS, Next.js, Tailwind CSS, Express, PostgreSQL, Supabase

- Engineering a search and discovery engine for shopping anything secondhand (KAYAK but for online thrifting) trysecondhand.com
- Working with a team of two developers to aggregate results from over 100 resale sites; currently at 6,000+ monthly active users

# Name the Pokémon: React TS, Next.js, Tailwind CSS, Express, SocketIO

- Developing a Kahoot-style web multiplayer Pokémon guessing game using Next.js and WebSockets namethepokemon.com
- Players are shown a Pokémon, and must identify it from four options; with accompanying sound effects, music, and points system

# **EasyBill:** Swift, SwiftUI, Firebase (Cloud Firestore, Firebase Authentication)

- Created iOS app to easily log and categorize personal/business expenses—based on title, tag, date, price, and number of people
- Integrated Firebase backend for user registration and authentication, alongside Firestore database to save/retrieve expense data

#### **SKILLS**

Languages/Libraries: Python, JavaScript/TypeScript (Next.js, React, Express), Java, C, Swift, Racket, SQL, HTML/CSS, Socket.IO Tools: Cloud Firestore, Azure/AWS, Linux, Git, Figma, VS Code, LaTeX, Microsoft Office (Excel, Word), Google Workspace/Cloud

# **HONOURS**

First Place in Wilfrid Laurier University, 2024 BDO Future Leaders Business Challenge (1st/200+ teams, \$4,000 cash prize)
First Place in Canada & Second Place Internationally, 2023 FBLA NLC Competition – Entrepreneurship (2nd/1,000+ teams)
2023 Schulich Leader Scholarship Offer, McGill University – School of Computer Science (\$100,000 offered over 4 years)