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EXPERIENCE

Full Stack Software Engineer 2

July 2022 – Present

The Genomics Institute

Santa Cruz, CA

- Designed a dashboard in **React.js** and **TypeScript** with 3 million+ data points. Developed an **Express.js** API that integrated a **Google Cloud Datastore** NoSQL database and a **Snowflake** SQL data warehouse.
- Engineered a highly available infrastructure that orchestrated **Docker** containers in **Google Kubernetes Engine**, achieving 99.9% uptime.
- Implemented a REST API using **Flask** and **Docker** that created and stored visualizations in **Google Cloud Storage**. Cached requests using **Redis**, achieving an average response time of 37ms.
- Accelerated deployments by 50% by building CI/CD pipelines using **GitHub Actions** and **Google Cloud Build**.
- Created a scalable data pipeline using event-driven architecture. Leveraged **Google Cloud Pub/Sub**, **Storage**, and **Functions** to source and process over 14.5 million files with **Python**.

Full Stack Software Engineer 1

Aug. 2021 – June 2022

The Genomics Institute

Santa Cruz. CA

- Designed a face-scanning web app, leveraging **WebRTC** and **MediaPipe** machine learning models. Built a **Django** backend to process and store video data in **AWS S3** and in a **PostgreSQL** relational database.
- Developed a responsive user management frontend using **React.js** and **TypeScript**, and a **Django** backend that connected to a **PostgreSQL** database.
- Built an internal URL shortener with an auto-expiration feature using Node.js, AWS Lambda, and S3.
- Created a data analytics dashboard leveraging **AWS CloudWatch Dashboards**, and published daily metrics using **Python**, **AWS Lambda**, **EventBridge**, and **PostgreSQL**, capturing 100+ metrics.
- Streamlined deployments by automating AMI and launch template creation in AWS EC2 using Terraform.

Software Engineer Intern

May 2020 - Aug. 2021

LEEPS Lab

Santa Cruz, CA

- Created a REST API that processed stock transactions for experiments using **Django** and **PostgreSQL**. Implemented **Redis** as the in-memory data store, achieving a throughput of 1000 requests per second.
- Designed a stock trading interface with interactive graphs using **HTML**, **CSS**, **JavaScript**, and **Highcharts**, enabling users to place stock orders and receive updates in real-time using **WebSockets**.
- Decreased runtime by 93% of a stock market simulator by implementing parallelism using **Python** multiprocessing.
- Deployed 3 Linux servers to **DigitalOcean**, and secured **NGINX** web servers with SSL certificates.
- Graphed simulated stock market data to analyze different parameters using Python, Numpy, and Matplotlib.

PROJECT

Reddit Sentiment Meter

June 2023

- Performed real-time sentiment analysis on Reddit, consuming 8.4 million comments per day.
- Sourced Reddit comments with **Python** and **AWS EC2**. Applied sentiment analysis via **Confluent Apache Kafka**, **Node.js**, and **AWS Lambda**, and stored daily results in **AWS DynamoDB**.

EDUCATION

University of California, Santa Cruz

Graduated March 2021

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Santa Cruz, CA

CERTIFICATION

AWS Certified Solutions Architect - Associate

June 2023

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Python, JavaScript, TypeScript, HTML, CSS, SQL

Databases: PostgreSQL, Snowflake, Redis, AWS DynamoDB, Google Cloud Datastore

Frameworks/Libraries: Kubernetes, Docker, Terraform, CircleCI, Apache Kafka, React.js, WebRTC, Node.js, Express.js,

Django, Flask, Selenium, Cypress

Cloud Services: Google Cloud Platform (GCP), Amazon Web Services (AWS), Confluent