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| DEVPOST | DarrenLi

QUALIFICATIONS

- 4 months of C++ in programming course (linked lists, sorting algorithms, polymorphism)
- Proficient in Python (developed tools for software testing, Google Maps API for hackathons)
- Familiar with C# and OOP principles; developed cross checking algorithm using linked lists
- 5 months experience with Java; created Pacman style game
- Exposure to HTML/CSS and JavaScript through hackathons/self-learning; built personal website
- Excellent teamwork and co-operation skills from sport teams and lifeguarding
- Strong leadership abilities from coaching and team extracurriculars

PROJECTS

RehabiliNation – MakeUofT 2019 (2 category wins) (Python) (DEVPOST)

Utilized Arduino's gyroscopes to send serial data to a python backend which triggered programmable key binds to play modern "WASD" and arrow key games

BreadCrumbz – uOttaHack 2019 (4th place overall) (Python) (DEVPOST)

Developed algorithm to compute fastest route time through searching and incorporating set locations by utilizing Google Maps nearby search, directions, and route APIS

DUI-Stopper - QHacks 2019 (Python) (DEVPOST)

Utilized Google Maps nearby search API to determine if alcohol was served in the given coordinates received from the web app.

Pacman Styled Game, Java (IntelliJ IDEA IDE)

- Developed two player Pacman styled game to explore Java capabilities using rectangles, collision detection, 2D arrays, and key listeners
- Implemented smooth interactive menu with ability to buffer movement controls when turning

EXPERIENCE

Software QA Analyst, Sonova-Unitron Canada, Kitchener, Ontario

Jan 2019 - May 2019

- Developed python tools to drastically increase testing efficiency up to 70%; scalable for future tests
- Implemented C# cross referencing algorithm using linked lists to drastically reduce manual verification
- Collaborated with developers and project manager to efficiently identify software bugs and document them through Polarion Application Lifecycle Management

Software Update Assistant, WeissBeerger, Brampton, Ontario

Jul 2018

- Performed firmware and security updates to streamline Big Data solutions and optimize profit for breweries, soft drink manufacturers, and bars
- Completed all device updates 40% faster than expected

Assistant Coach, Thundercats Volleyball Club, Richmond Hill, Ontario

Sept 2017 - May 2018

Assisted head coach in developing a top 3 team in Ontario for their age division

Deep Water Lifeguard, Canada's Wonderland, Vaughan, Ontario

May 2017 - Sept 2017

Received prestigious award for demonstrating most acts of service, safety, courtesy, cleanliness, and integrity (out of 100+ guards); explicitly recognized by director of operations for excellent guest service

TEAMS

Robotics

- Designed and operated mechanical systems of a VEX robot in team environment
- Designed gameplay ideas such as robot shape, optimal lifting mechanism, and playstyle

Sports

- Awarded 2018 Athlete of the Year (St. Theresa of Lisieux); 4 years of volleyball and badminton at school; Won York Region High School Badminton Singles and received Antique Bronze medal at OFSAA Badminton
- University of Waterloo Intramural Volleyball Team

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Vision Youth Leadership Program (Duke of Edinburgh Award – Bronze); practiced team building and leadership skills, project management to plan hikes, and Toast Master presentation skills