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EDUCATION

Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH

June 2021

GPA: 3.95 / 4.00

- Mathematics, Computer Science, B.A.
- Honors: Summa Cum Laude (Top 5%), Phi Beta Kappa, Rufus Choate Scholar, Presidential Scholar, Neukom Scholar
- Relevant Coursework: Data Structures and Algorithm, Software Systems Design, Full-Stack Web Development, Machine Learning, AR/VR, Natural Language Processing, Linear Algebra, Probability Theory, Statistical Modelling

WORK EXPERIENCE

Appian Corporation (Low-Code Software Enterprise)

Sep 2021 – Present

Software Engineer II (MLOps)

- Built & maintained a FastAPI application in **Python** to support custom machine learning model training and deployment. Delivered feature in <1 year, onboarding 20+ new enterprise customers, increasing Appian software adoption by 10%.
- Implemented 30+ unit & integration tested endpoints for uploading datasets & running ML model training +inference. Containerized the app using **Docker**, and deployed it using **ArgoCD**. Provisioned and managed **Gitlab pipelines** to automate CI/CD, setup a monitoring and alerts system using **Prometheus**, and added **Jaeger** tracing to backend services.
- Optimized file upload by parallelizing calls to AWS S3, reducing latency for 200 concurrent file uploads from 10 to 2s. Reduced inference completion time by 85%, by migrating AWS Batch Transform to **Kubernetes** jobs.
- Reduced API latency for training + inference endpoints by 90%, by implementing an asynchronous processing system using 1) AWS SQS to queue tasks and 2) K8s Operators to autoscale jobs for processing those compute-intensive tasks. Also owned end-to-end implementation of a file retention system using the same queueing mechanism.
- Provisioned AWS cloud services backing the API's persistent metadata storage, secure file storage and ML model training using Terraform (i.e. DynamoDB, S3, KMS, Sagemaker, SQS). Created scheduled Gitlab CI pipelines to clean up unused AWS resources, reducing company costs by \$8700 / month.

Keystone Strategy (Strategy & Tech Consulting Firm)

Jun 2021 - Sep 2021

Data Science Intern

- Pre-processed 170,000+ rows of customer service data using **numpy** + **pandas**, and employed a pre-trained NLP model to outperform a formerly employed 3rd party software, increasing prediction accuracy from 89% to 98.6%.
- Trained proprietary ML model to predict precise repair solutions to defected home appliances using textual data (~ 800 lines of **Python** code). Increased company valuation by $\sim 30\%$, to \$200 million, in preparation for M&A considerations.

Harmonize (HR Management Software Startup)

Jul 2020 - Sep 2020

Data Science Intern

- Developed a logistic regression model to forecast customer churn using **Python** and **SQL**. Devised renewal strategies for the marketing team using customer segmentation analysis. Increased retention rate by ~20% in the subsequent year.
- Automated a script using **Selenium** to scrape product reviews from review platforms, reporting 20+ bugs and defects.
- Worked with engineering team to enhance automated chatbot features, boosting product adoption by 22% in 3 months.

RESEARCH + PROJECTS

StoryCloud IO (Social Media Mobile App)

Jun 2023 – Present

Founding Engineer

- Co-founder and solo backend developer for an AI-assisted story-telling app. Deployed a **Docker**-containerized FastAPI application with 40+ integration-tested RESTful endpoints, using AWS ECS with Fargate Spot instances.
- Integrated endpoints with AWS cloud services, including DynamoDB, SQS, S3, Lambda. In addition, setup an **Application Load Balancer** for traffic distribution, and used **CloudFront** to enable request caching on GET operations.

Technical: Python, Terraform, Git, AWS SDK, YAML, C#, HTML/CSS, Linux, Docker, Kubernetes

Certifications: AWS Certified Developer