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Software Engineer

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SUMMARY

A performance-oriented Software Engineer with 3 years of experience, specializing in building high-performance, memory-safe backend services with Rust. Passionate about systems programming, concurrency, and leveraging Rust's unique features to build exceptionally fast and reliable software.

STRENGTHS

- **Rust Programming:** Deep proficiency in Rust, including its ownership model, concurrency primitives, and ecosystem (Cargo, Tokio, Serde).
- **Performance Optimization:** A strong focus on writing highly performant code, with experience in benchmarking, profiling, and optimizing critical code paths.
- **Memory Safety:** Leverages Rust's compiler guarantees to eliminate entire classes of bugs related to memory safety, resulting in highly reliable applications.
- **Systems-Level Thinking:** Enjoys working close to the metal and solving complex systems-level problems.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Languages:** Rust, Python, C++, SQL
- **Frameworks & Libraries:** Tokio, Actix-web, Serde, Diesel
- **Databases:** PostgreSQL, ScyllaDB
- **Tools & Methodologies:** Git, Docker, CI/CD, Performance Benchmarking, Linux

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Software Engineer** | High-Frequency Systems | July 2022 Present
- Develops and maintains performance-critical microservices in Rust for a real-time data processing system.
- Rewrote a key data processing service from Python to Rust, resulting in a 10x improvement in throughput and a significant reduction in memory usage.
- Implemented asynchronous APIs using the Tokio runtime, capable of handling thousands of concurrent connections.
- Wrote comprehensive unit and integration tests to ensure the correctness and reliability of the services.
- Actively contributes to the team's adoption of Rust, sharing knowledge and best practices.

PROJECTS

In-Memory Caching Server: Built a high-performance, in-memory caching server in Rust, similar to Redis. The project uses Tokio for asynchronous networking and features a custom hash map implementation for learning purposes. It demonstrates a strong grasp of Rust and systems programming.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering | Carnegie Mellon University | 2018 - 2022