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Employment

Software Development Engineer II (L5) | Amazon Web Services (AWS), Dublin — DynamoDB

Sep 2024 - Present

Dublin, Ireland

DynamoDB MemDS (Java, Rust, C++, Python)

- Engineered core in-memory metadata service (Java) for DynamoDB, serving billions of requests/sec with ultra-low latency.
- . Designed and implemented sharding architecture to distribute metadata across hosts, reducing memory footprint and improving scalability.
- Built shard discovery protocol (Rust) for clients, including heartbeat and failure-detection mechanisms; delivered full end-to-end implementation.
- Led deployment of sharding into production, enabling dynamic metadata distribution and improved system reliability.
- Automated deployments and scaling across AWS regions; benchmarked new features and optimized low-level performance (ENI, RSS tables, IRQ).
- Handled on-call operations, resolving critical production incidents and troubleshooting infrastructure issues.

Technical Lead | Singtel

Aug 2023 - Sep 2024

Singapore, Singapore

Data Fabric (Apache Spark, Apache Hadoop, Apache Airflow, Amazon AWS)

- Led the formulation of the project's strategic objectives and aligned technical efforts with the business goals, ensuring the Data Fabric relevance to Singtel's long-term vision.
- Designed the foundational architecture for the Data Fabric, integrating **cutting-edge and cloud-native technologies and best practices** to create a scalable and adaptable data fabric solution.
- Orchestrated cross-functional collaboration among diverse teams.

Data Security Enhancement Initiative (Java, Scala, Python, Google Tink)

- Developed an innovative encryption solution to ensure the secure transfer of sensitive data from on-premise servers to the cloud. This
 solution encrypts all data before it is moved to the cloud, ensuring compliance with security policies and regulations.
- Integrated with existing frameworks, including Apache Spark, by providing User-Defined Functions (UDFs) in Java for encrypting, decrypting, and HMAC operations on DataFrame columns.
- Developed a Kafka plugin to encrypt or HMAC messages during transmission, ensuring data security from source to sink. Decryption is
 performed at the receiving end, maintaining data integrity throughout the data pipeline.
- Utilized Google Tink library, to align with Singtel's security policies and ensure robust data protection.

Senior Data Infrastructure Engineer | Shopee

Jan 2021 - Aug 2023

Singapore, Singapore

Apache Spark (Scala, Java, JavaScript)

- Dramatically enhanced Spark history server for handling millions of records effortlessly, resulting in an 80% performance improvement
 with larger datasets.
- Enabled search and filter on the client side, reducing server load by 45% and enhancing user experiences.

Apache Hadoop/HDFS (Java, Airflow, Kubernetes)

- Developed logs aggregation for Yarn/HDFS logs, leading to more efficient monitoring and saving 3 hours weekly
- Designed and implemented a low-memory fingerprint for extended offline analysis of large size FSIMAGE, allowing the biggest FSIMAGE to fit
 within just 30% of its previous memory footprint.
- Engineered a block-based InputFormat for DistCp (MapReduce application), optimizing workload distribution among mappers based on blocks count exploiting data locality and shortening data transfer time by 20%.
- Enhanced DFSClient and NameNode to effectively mitigate the impact of sluggish DataNodes on read/write operations.

Apache Ozone (Java, C++, Golang, JavaScript)

- Engineered a sophisticated petabyte-scale data Retention Service akin to AWS S3 lifecycle configurations, saving 15% of wasted storage. Created AWS CLI/SDK compatible s3gateway endpoint for easier integration with existing clients.
- Architected a universal s3gateway solution, empowering user access to multiple clusters without compromising performance. Devised an
 efficient fair call queue for s3gateway, ensuring fairness for all clients. Additionally, Applied Quality of Service mechanisms for s3gateway,
 safeguarding impeccable service delivery while preventing any misuse or exploitation by clients.

Data Engineer | Global Fashion Group

Jan 2019 – Dec 2020 Singapore, Singapore

ZMM (Markdown recommendation system) (Airflow, Python, SQL, Pandas/NumPy, Notebooks)

- Managed the process of revamping and refactoring the existing system into python and Jupyter notebook.
- Employed containerization, restructured, and fine-tuned ZMM, enabling efficient and auto-scalable deployment and cost reduction.
- Resulted in an impressive 41% reduction in runtime and 70.6% cost savings.

ZMA (Media attribution model) (Python, R, SQL, Pandas/NumPy)

- Pioneered a highly effective media attribution model based on the Hidden Markov model, improving marketing decision-making by 20%.
- Collaborated with management to visualize model outcomes using Apache Superset for informed decision-making.

CPA (Automated prices prediction) (PySpark, Python, pandas, Catboost model)

- Led the development, enhancement, and optimization of an automated price prediction system.
- Designed a novel data pipeline, leveraging Pyspark SQL interface and built-in ML features improving training time by 25% over the existing pipeline.
- Devised and implemented highly efficient data ingestion techniques, data bridges, and optimizing cluster size and operational costs.

Full Stack Developer | SigmaProIT

Dec 2017 - Sep 2018 Cairo, Egypt

Experto (App to App VOIP connects clients with experts) (Python, Django, NodeJS, Angular/Ionic)

- Developed a VOIP android application with multiple authentication methods along with statistical views.
- Dedicated webservice to keep track of voice calls lifecycle.

Ziruna (Expert booking app) (Python, Django, Angular/Ionic)

Participated in mobile application development and optimized the restful backend API response time by 20%.

Software Engineer | Cloudypedia

Apr 2016 - Nov 2017 Cairo, Egypt

(Python, Django, GoogleAppEngine, ElasticSearch, OpenEDX)

- Constructed a certification module to support Arabic language for enhanced accessibility.
- Customized the registration module to integrate specific OAuth providers and domains.
- Built filter and tagging module to optimize search capabilities on OpenEDX search module, reducing search time by 30%. Designed a googleAppEngine based web application slashing email migration time by 40%.
- Crafted python wrappers for G-Suite APIS to enhance application integration.

Education

Cairo, Egypt
Ain Shams University
2011 – 2015

B.Sc. in Computer Science and information systems (Scientific computing department).

Languages and Technologies

- Python; Rust, Java; Scala; Golang; JavaScript; C++;
- Apache Spark; Apache Hadoop; Apache Ozone; RocksDB; Apache Kafka;
- SQL; PostgreSQL; Django; Flask; Webapp2; Angular; ReactJS; Ionic;
- AWS services; GoogleAppEngine; Heroku; Docker; Firebase; Apache Hadoop;
- Apache Ozone; Apache Spark; Distributed systems; Pandas; NumPy