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Education

Queen's University

Bachelor of Computer Science (Honours)

- **Relevant Coursework:** Data Structures, Algorithms, OOP, Operating Systems, System Level Programming, Software Architecture, Software Quality Assurance, Database Design, Software Requirements, Compiler Design
- **Awards:** Excellence Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Dean's Honour List **4x**

Experience

Marmon Rail and Leasing Group - (a Berkshire Hathaway Company)

June 2024 – Present

Software Engineer

Hybrid

- Developed and deployed Spring Boot microservices with REST APIs, using database query optimization and caching to improve backend response times by **35%**, supporting **1,200+** daily users with **99.95%** uptime
- Implemented custom exception handlers and Bean Validation annotations across **8+** Spring Boot services, reducing API error rates by **56%** and decreasing mean time to resolution by **30%** through improved error logging
- Designed **15+** automated data pipelines in Palantir Foundry using transforms and ontology objects to streamline data ingestion, processing **1M+** records daily and reducing manual data preparation time by **70%**
- Optimized Azure Synapse data pipelines with Spark Data Flows and PySpark notebooks, cutting runtime by **40%**
- Built **4** Power BI dashboards with DAX and SQL, serving **1,000+** daily users to track KPIs and business metrics

NetSolutionsTime

May 2023 – August 2023

Software Engineer Intern

Hybrid

- Built automated test suites using pytest and unittest, reducing post-release defects by **17%** across **8** services
- Engineered RESTful APIs and microservices using Flask and SQLAlchemy to aggregate and transform customer data from **10+** source systems, serving **15M+** customers and reducing data retrieval time by **45%**
- Deployed **5+** Azure SQL databases with automated backup policies, query performance monitoring, and Application Insights integration, achieving **99.9%** uptime and reducing incident response time by **50%**

Projects

RecapMe | Kotlin, Jetpack Compose, Spring Boot, Redis, Render, Docker, Google Gemini API | 🔗

- Launched and scaled a production Android app to **50,000+** users with **60%** weekly active user retention rate
- Architected a scalable backend using Spring Boot, Redis caching, and Docker deployed on Render, supporting **10,000+** concurrent sessions and processing **100,000+** daily API requests with **<100ms** average response time
- Integrated Google Gemini API for LLM-powered summarization with prompt optimization, reducing generation time by **40%** and token processing overhead by **30%** while improving user retention by **25%**

LeetBuddy | React, Tailwind, Express, Redis, Render, NGINX, Docker, Google Gemini API | 🔗

- Developed a Chrome extension for LeetCode with **2,000+** active users and **4.6/5** star rating, integrating Google Gemini API to provide personalized AI-powered code explanations and debugging assistance
- Engineered an interactive canvas whiteboard with real-time drawing and diagram support, integrated with Google Gemini's vision capabilities to analyze visual inputs and reduce average problem-solving time by **50%**
- Built a scalable Express.js backend with Redis session management and circuit breaker patterns, handling **4,500+** daily requests with **99.9%** uptime while blocking **99%** of malicious traffic through rate limiting and bot detection

The Bead Hive | React, Tailwind, Express, Cloudflare R2, PostgreSQL, NGINX, Docker | 🔗

- Created a React SPA gallery for Indigenous artwork serving **400+** registered users, implementing OAuth 2.0 authentication and PostgreSQL database with optimized queries reducing page load time by **60%**
- Implemented Docker microservices with multi-stage Alpine builds reducing deployment size by **70%**, and integrated Cloudflare R2 for media storage, serving **1,000+** images with **<200ms** average load time via pre-signed URLs

Technical Skills

Languages: Python, Java, C++, JavaScript, TypeScript, HTML, CSS, C, C#, Visual Basic, SQL, Swift, Kotlin

Libraries & Frameworks: React, Tailwind, Node.js, Express, Spring Boot, .NET, Flask, PyTorch, SQLAlchemy, PySpark

Developer Tools: Git, GitHub, Figma, Microsoft Azure, AWS, Docker, MySQL, PostgreSQL, MongoDB, Redis