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# **EDUCATION**

## University of Waterloo, Ontario

Sep 2024 - Present

Bachelors of Computer Science

• Average of **96%** in Math and Computer Science courses.

#### **EXPERIENCE**

AI Researcher Remote

Story City Jun 2025 - Aug 2025

- Researched and prototyped **3 AI-powered features** for Story City's location-based storytelling platform: a visual storyboard generator, a story duration estimator, and a social media content creator.
- Provided implementation details for a storyboard graph generator that reduced storyboard creation time by **40%** and improved the accuracy of story duration predictions to within **±5 minutes** on average routes.
- Evaluated Azure and AWS cloud solutions for scalability and cost-effectiveness, recommending serverless architectures such as AWS Lambda and Azure Functions, achieving potential cost reductions of **50%**.
- Delivered a technical report and presentation that influenced the development of 2 upcoming product features.

Assistant Teacher Toronto

Spirit of Math Schools at Don Mills

Sep 2022 - Jun 2024

- Boosted class graduation rate by 10% by coaching struggling students and improving student confidence.
- Created a seamless learning environment through efficient organization of classroom activities.

#### **PROJECTS**

NameNet | Python

Jun 2025 - Aug 2025

- Trained models on two name datasets (1.5k and 40k samples) and analyzed model performance across varying data sizes.
- Identified and corrected label inconsistencies in large dataset, significantly improving model accuracy to 99%+ on validation data.
- Integrated the trained models in WebMessenger to assist with user account creation.

WebMessenger | Python, Javascript, SQL

*Apr 2025 - May 2025* 

- Developed a private messaging web application using Python flask and SQL for back-end and javascript, HTML for front-end.
- Used SQLite for the website database, designed SQL queries to update user info and messages. Developed an interface for the database to abstract the inner workings.

#### **Neural Network for Digit Recognition | Python**

*Jan 2025 - Feb 2025* 

- Developed and trained a neural network for **classifying handwritten digits**.
- Implemented forward propagation, backpropagation, and gradient descent to train the model on the MNIST dataset (28x28 pixel images of handwritten digits) leading to **97%**+ training accuracy.

#### **SKILLS**

Programming Languages: Python (PyTorch, Numpy, Pandas), C++, JavaScript, HTML, SQL

**Soft Skills:** Communication, Teamwork

Certifications: Azure Fundamentals, Azure AI Fundamentals

Awards: Qualified for AIME, Scored top 25% on Putnam Math Contest

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