

# Zaki Machfj

647-710-7282 | [zmachfj@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:zmachfj@uwaterloo.ca) | [linkedin.com/in/zaki-machfj](https://www.linkedin.com/in/zaki-machfj) | [github.com/ragizaki](https://github.com/ragizaki)

## EDUCATION

---

**Bachelor of Computer Science** | University of Waterloo

September 2020 - May 2025

- Coursework: Data Structures, Algorithms, Operating Systems, Databases, Numerical Computation, User Interfaces

## WORK EXPERIENCE

---

**Backend Developer Intern** - Deliverect

September 2023 - Present

- Overhauling the existing payment system to support multiple payment options on the core product for 20,000 clients
- Developing a REST API with Python, Flask, writing tests with Pytest and integrating Kafka for real-time data processing

**Software Developer Intern** - Empire Life

January 2023 - May 2023

- Deployed a Python script and a CI/CD pipeline using AWS CodePipeline to automate the approvals of insurance advisors, decreasing admin access to the dashboard by 90%
- Developed a Django REST API and frontend features with React and Typescript, reducing the time required for internal advisors to authorize client insurance claims by 65%
- Built and deployed backend features for a web app using Django and Docker, allowing clients to manage their MFA enrollment and factors, leading to a 45% increase in MFA adoption from existing users

**Software Developer Intern** - Dejero Labs

May 2022 - August 2022

- Led the development of a new 2-Factor API with PostgreSQL and Rails, leading to 2,000 new client MFA enrolments
- Migrated existing MongoDB drivers from Ruby to Go, reducing latency times by over 500% to less than 100 ms
- Designed and implemented a reusable tooltip component using Angular to improve page accessibility/responsiveness

**Software Developer Intern** - Quill Podcasting

May 2021 - August 2021

- Created user-facing graphs with React and TypeScript to visualize clients' podcast analytics and retention metrics
- Built a custom podcast player with React and TailwindCSS from existing Figma design mockups for 40 new clients
- Designed automated tests using Selenium and Jest, increasing the company's web app test coverage by 12%

## PROJECTS

---

**UW Watonomous** - Autonomous Vehicle

- Modeled and trained a cognitive neural network for an autonomous vehicle in Pytorch, built on ResNet
- Wrote data preprocessing and augmentation scripts for 210,000 images in Python to train a real-time image classifier
- Conducted perception research to perform traffic sign detection via transfer learning using PyTorch and a YOLOv5 model

**ChessRecommender** - Chess Opening Recommender

- Developed a recommendation algorithm to suggest openings to users based on previously played openings
- Implemented collaborative filtering and cosine similarity using Jupyter Notebook, Numpy and Pandas on a Kaggle dataset of 30,000 games and chess openings

## SKILLS

---

- Languages: Python, C++, JavaScript, TypeScript, Go, SQL
- Technologies: React, Node, Django, Flask, Docker, AWS, PostgreSQL, Numpy, Pandas, PyTorch