Rayan Crasta - Software Engineer

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Summary

Dynamic software engineer with a strong foundation in Python, system design, software development, and database management. Eager to leverage technical skills to build high-performance applications and production data pipelines in collaborative environments. Committed to delivering top-quality solutions and driving innovation in the tech industry, with an interest in investment banking functions.

Work Experience

Mint People - Front of House Staff & Kitchen Porter (Part Time)

May 2024 – Aug 2024, UK

- Provided customer service in restaurants and clubs, handling reservations, seating, and resolving inquiries.
- Supported kitchen operations through dishwashing, food prep, and maintaining cleanliness.

Hap Solutions - Festival and Bar Staff (Part Time)

June 2024 – Aug 2024, UK

• Delivered excellent customer service at festivals and events, managed bar operations.

Royal Mail – Warehouse Operative (Part Time)

Nov 2023 - Dec 2023, Northampton, UK

Loaded/unloaded shipments and sorted items efficiently to optimize workflow.

Tata Consultancy Services – Assistant Systems Engineer (Full Time)

June 2021 – Aug 2023, Mumbai, India

- Developed bash scripts to automate the hardening process of over 100+ Linux servers for compliance based on CIS benchmarks, saving 900+ hours of manual compliance hours. Won "Best Team" award for the same.
- Conducted security analysis on Angular and Spring Boot codebases using Checkmarx and Fortify WebInspect, identifying and mitigating critical vulnerabilities.
- Integrated third-party antimalware and data tokenization solutions into the existing architecture.
- Conducted manual web application security testing using OWASP ZAP and Burpsuite, identifying and addressing critical vulnerabilities, thus enhancing application security.
- Collaborated with cross-functional teams to gather requirements and design solutions that aligned with business needs.

Qustac Technologies Pvt. Ltd - Android Development Intern (Part Time)

Mar 2020 – Jan 2021, Mumbai, India

- Developed an Android application using Android Studio and Java, integrating TensorFlow Lite for real-time classification of explicit and non-explicit images on Android devices.
- Integrated a streamlined machine learning model to facilitate automatic actions upon detecting explicit content within image files.

Projects

TweetOps: Twitter-like Tweet Ingestion and Search Backend Blog | GitHub

• Developed a Twitter-like backend prototype using Go, FastAPI, Kafka, PostgreSQL, and

Elasticsearch.

- Managed a dataset of 500K tweets, categorized by language, and ingested into Elasticsearch via Kafka.
- Utilized Elasticsearch for real-time tweet search and immediate availability of ingested tweets.
- Created user and tweet search functionalities with PostgreSQL and Elasticsearch, including pagination.
- Developed a FastAPI service for flagging profane tweets based on a model, integrated into the ingestion process for safe search.

MyShowSeat: Booking Service Backend Blog | GitHub

- Developed a booking service backend prototype using Go, Redis, and PostgreSQL.
- Implemented booking logic for seat checks, claiming, payment verification, and finalization, ensuring a seamless user experience during high traffic.
- Utilized Go's concurrency for asynchronous processing, maintaining data integrity with PostgreSQL transactional operations and row-level locking.
- Enhanced performance with Redis caching for seat availability, reducing database calls and improving scalability. Incorporated JWT token-based authentication for secure service access.

Debate Management System (Dissertation Project)

- Designed a platform for managing structured debates in academic settings, incorporating gamification, quizzes, and real-time feedback.
- Built using React.js for responsive UIs and FastAPI for backend logic, with PostgreSQL for authentication and MongoDB for debate storage.
- Utilized Redis for real-time tracking and WebSockets for live updates during debate sessions.
- Provided detailed post-debate analytics to help educators enhance teaching strategies.

Education

University of Leicester

MSc Cloud Computing (Sept 2023 - 2024)

Mumbai University

Bachelor of Engineering, Information Technology (2021), 9.42 CGPA

Skills

- Languages: Python, Go, FastAPI, Django, Bash, JavaScript, Java, ReactJS
- Databases: PostgreSQL, MongoDB, Redis
- **Big Data Tools**: Kafka, Elasticsearch, Spark (familiarity)
- Infra: Linux, Docker, Kubernetes, Openshift
- Tools: JIRA, Prometheus, Grafana
- Security: Burpsuite, Checkmarx, WebInspect, OWASP ZAP
- **Soft Skills**: Strong communication, collaboration, problem-solving, consultative approach, adaptability