

Skills

- Programming Languages: Python, C++, C, Java, SQL, TypeScript
- Technologies: Git, SQLite, GNU Make, Spring, CMake, PostgreSQL, Flask, GDB, Node.js, Vim
- Selected course work: Design & Analysis of Algorithms, Performance Engineering, Information Retrieval, Compiler Construction, Operating Systems, Databases, Artificial Intelligence, Language Design and Implementation

Education

University of Waterloo

09/2022 to 07/2024

Masters of Mathematics in Computer Science (Thesis) (95%)

Teaching Assistant for: Databases, Operating Systems, Algorithms, Software Analysis and Testing

University of Ottawa

09/2016 to 04/2021

Honours Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (CO-OP) (8.35/10) (Deans Honours List)

Honours project - *Modelling and verifying distributed leader election algorithms with TLA+*

Work Experience

Software Engineer

Burnaby, Canada — 08/2024 to Present

Arista Networks

- Authored a design document and refactoring plan to resolve critical failure conditions and improve the long-term maintainability of a Syslog forwarding agent."
- Patched the agent's C and Python codebase to enable new TCP functionality, specifically for binding to loopback interfaces.
- Implemented challenge based authentication for the Radius protocol.
- Developing a clang-tidy check that parses C++ and inserts missing tracing calls.
- Improved input validation for a high performance C++ logging library.
- Worked on customer escalations and debugged issues live with the customer.
- Debugged race conditions in network switch authentication and logging tests.
- Improved parallelization of tests resulting in a 50% reduction in runtime

Research Assistant

Waterloo, Canada — 09/2022 to 07/2024

University of Waterloo

- Compiler performance analysis and testing research

CoreOS Software Development Student

Ottawa, Canada — 06/2020 to 08/2020

Blackberry QNX

- Developed a binary analysis tool in Python to scan and detect issues in the QNX kernel
- Wrote Unit tests in C for the QNX Neutrino kernel and hypervisor, boosting system reliability
- Used Git, GNU Make, Ghidra (reverse engineering tool)

CoreOS Software Development Student

Ottawa, Canada — 09/2019 to 12/2019

Blackberry QNX

- Worked on a Python program to test and track new commits to Review Board thus streamlining the code review process
- Setup a QNX Hypervisor System with an Ubuntu guest to demonstrate its abilities to other teams
- Wrote Unit tests in C for the QNX Neutrino kernel and hypervisor, boosting system reliability

Telematics Control Unit Software Developer

Ottawa, Canada — 01/2019 to 04/2019

Ford Motor Company

- Developed features and Unit tests for C and C++ multi-threaded Linux applications
- Fixed bugs and race conditions/deadlocks found by analysis tools such as Thread Sanitizer and Clang Static Analyzer
- Used GNU Make, Git, Jenkins and the Google repo tool

Open Source Contributions

The LLVM Compiler Infrastructure Project

<https://llvm.org/>

- Wrote C++ to emit an error when an unsupported OpenMP pragma is provided instead of crashing
- Added a unit test to validate my changes
- Merged Pull request: <https://github.com/llvm/llvm-project/pull/70233>

Selected Projects

Juice: Java Compiler - Course project for Compiler Construction

01/2023 to 04/2023

- Developed a Java compiler targeting x86 with two teammates
- Consisted of 28,753 lines of TypeScript, 628 Jest unit tests and passed the majority of test cases
- Ported and upgraded an existing Intermediate Representation (IR) interpreter from Java to TypeScript to improve the debugging process
- Wrote hundreds of Jest unit tests with final code coverage of 80%

Lettuce - New Programming Language and LLVM based compiler

07/2023 to 08/2023

- Developed new programming language and compiler in C++ using the LLVM compiler infrastructure
- Created a new Intermediate Representation using MLIR

- Source code: <https://github.com/rkchang/mlidk>