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Education

University of Waterloo **September 2020 – April 2025**
Bachelor of Science; Honours Physics & Computing Minor *Waterloo, Ontario*

Technical Skills

Programming Languages: Python, JavaScript, TypeScript, HTML, CSS, C, Racket
Frameworks: Node.js, Express.js, React.js, Jest.js, Cypress, Django, Flask, FastAPI
Databases: SQL, NoSQL, SQLite, PostgreSQL, SQLAlchemy, Prisma, Cloud Firestore, Cloud Storage
Tools: Git, Postman, Terraform, Docker, Kubernetes, Bash, GraphQL, Jupyter Notebook, AWS, Linux

Experience

Autonomic **January 2023 – Present**
Software Engineer Intern, DevOps Team *Palo Alto, California*

- Helped develop an internal API using Python with daemon processes to analyze over 200k Git commits across 7 GitHub repositories and utilized multi-threading to reduce compute time by 80%
- Used Python, Pydantic, Tekton, and GitHub Actions to build a custom pipeline configuration linter that ran upon Tekton TaskRuns to validate custom CI/CD pipelines that were created by other teams
- Migrated pre-existing pipelines from Concourse CI to Tekton to reduce CI workflow runtimes by 25% via task parallelism
- Worked with senior engineers to deploy a StatefulSet application with a PersistentVolumeClaim using Docker, AWS ECR, Kubernetes, Helm, Tekton, and ArgoCD

Midnight Sun Solar Car Design Team **September 2022 – Present**
Software Developer, Strategy Team *Waterloo, Ontario*

- Currently leading the development of a real-time communication service between the solar car and multiple asynchronous microservices for the purpose of containerized development and reduction of system integration issues
- Developed an algorithm using Python, NumPy, Pandas, PyPROJ, and GeographicLib that interpolated WGS-84 coordinates and determined the distance, bearing, and relative turning direction of the interpolated coordinates, resulting in the reduction of manual data collection by 80%
- Worked with the electrical team to research and devise algorithmic methods to estimate the state-of-charge of the solar car's battery pack in real-time

Epoch **September 2022 – December 2022**
Software Engineer Intern *San Francisco, California*

- Implemented a workflow using GraphQL, SQLAlchemy, Flask, and React.js to allow users to modify and manage scheduled Slack and Google Calendar notifications within the web app
- Tracked user engagement and reduced table query sizes using SQLAlchemy and PostgreSQL, resulting in the additional collection of user engagement data while reducing query execution time by 70%
- Wrote permission handlers in the backend to disable app functionalities based on the user's permissions

JamLabs Data Science **January 2022 – April 2022**
Software Test Engineer Intern *Toronto, Ontario*

- Increased test coverage from 5% to 50% by creating and implementing end-to-end test suites using Cypress
- Analyzed and documented over 60 end-to-end tests via stress testing to optimize runtime and to detect test flakiness
- Designed and integrated CI/CD pipelines to create test environments, seed databases, run end-to-end tests, and destroy test environments using Terraform, GitHub Actions, and AWS (Lambda, DynamoDB, S3)

Projects

Fast Fourier Transform Image Compressor | *Python, NumPy, Matplotlib* **July 2022**

- Computed the Fourier coefficients (FFT2) for each 32x32 pixel sub-block, removed coefficients that were lower than the drop tolerance, and computed the inverse Fourier coefficients (IFFT2) to get the compressed image
- Compressed images by 50%, 70%, and 85% using discrete Fourier transforms on 32x32 pixel sub-blocks

ClassAI (PolyHacks 2022 Winner) | *JavaScript, Express.js, Node.js, Vue.js, Tailwind CSS, Firebase* **February 2022**

- Built a classroom platform that allows teachers to upload video lectures and timestamps important sections in the lecture
- Automated a workflow to upload lectures in Firebase's Cloud Storage and to create signed URLs for third-party APIs