Salaar Liaqat

Education

Sept 2018 MSc in Computer Science, University of Toronto

Supervisor: Eyal de Lara

2018)

Sept 2015 - Present Bachelors of Computer Science, Simon Fraser University

(Expected April • GPA: 3.71/4.33

Skills

- Proficient in C, C++, and Java
- Proficient in Python and data science libraries such as NumPy, Pandas, StatsModels, SkLearn and Spark
- Experienced with MatLab, Go Lang, Scheme, Haskell and Ruby
- Proficient in embedded systems development on Linux and bare metal
- Proficient in Android development
- Experienced in web based application development including REST API development and database integration
- Strong understanding of computer architecture, multi-threaded programming, distributed systems, data structures and algorithms
- Strong understanding of database concepts, SQL and NoSQL
- Proficient in both Windows and Linux environments
- Proficient in Git and SVN
- Experienced in working with teams (2-7) members, agile development, scrum and taking leadership roles

Projects

March 2017 - Present SFU Carpool

Developer

- Developed a web application for students to arrange carpools to university campus
- Used AngularJS and Bootstrap to create a responsive webpage
- Used a SQL Server database to store application data
- Developed web service using ASP.NET to intrerface with the database
- Worked in a group of 3 students

Sept - Dec 2017 Gallerio

Developer

- Developing a camera and gallery Android application which categorizes photos using machine learning based on image recognition
- Used image recognition web service and built in image recognition model to allow online and offline functionality
- Developed search functionality to find pictures using keywords, color, date and logical expressions

Sept - Dec 2017 **SFU Security System**

Developer

- Developing a system for SFU Security to keep track of security incidents and employees
- Consisted of database, web service, desktop and mobile application, and a web page
- Developed an SQL Server database to maintain records of incidents, people, guards, and reports
- Developed a web API using Java Spark to interface with the database over HTTPS and SSL
- Developed a JavaFx desktop client to display current information from database
- Enabled desktop application to respond to real-time updates using sockets
- Working in a group of 7 students

Nov 2017 Morse Code Driver

Developer

- Developed a morse code driver for a BeagleBone computer running Debian Linux
- Recompiled Linux kernel to create a custom version and compiled driver for it
- Created driver would create a virtual file to accept strings and output the corresponding morse code to LEDs
- Created driver would create an LED trigger to enable any recognized LED to output morse code
- Programmed in C on a host computer and cross compiled for BeagleBone

May - Sept 2017 Program Analysis Research Project

RESEARCHER

- Researched program analysis techniques under the supervision of Professor Nick Sumner
- Studied symbolic execution practices and methodologies
- Created a search heuristic to accelerate symbolic execution for software testing
- Programmed the search heuristic using the Angr library in Python

July - Aug 2017 Gait Analysis

Developer

- Used Android phone to collect accelerometer and gyroscope traces of people walking
- Used Python to analyze traces and calculate step count and walking distance
- Used traces to differentiate walking patterns of different users using machine learning
- Completed analyses in Python, using NumPy, Pandas, SkLearn

Sept - Dec 2016 Down To Anything Web Application

Developer

- Collaborated in a team of five to create a web application called Down To Anything
- Provided a challenge based social network, allowing users to create and complete challenges
- Implemented support for accounts and video sharing, and maintained rankings of posts and users
- Created using Ruby on Rails

Sept - Dec 2016 Smart Terrarium

DEVELOPER

- Created a smart terrarium, in a team of 4, which controlled an environment to support plant life
- Used a temperature, humidity and brightness sensor to record the environment
- Used a BeagleBone computer to control lights, humidifier and fans to optimize the environment
- Designed a web application using NodeJS to remotely control and monitor terrarium
- Programmed the embedded system in C and JavaScript

Jan - Apr 2016 Bar-code Reader

DEVELOPER AND BUILDER

- o Collaborated in a team of two to create a bar-code reader from Lego Mindstorms
- Used a light sensor to read a bar-code on paper
- Processed bar-code in MatLab to produce the bar-code's value
- Programmed in C and MatLab

Sept - Dec 2015 Vending Machine

Developer

- Worked in a team of six to create an embedded system to control a vending machine
- o Allowed users to use NFC and a touch screen interface to obtain snacks
- Created using Arduino and Raspberry Pi

Volunteer Work

Aug 2015 ISEA 2015

EXHIBITION SETUP

- Received and setup technology based art exhibits
- Provided assistance to staff and visitors in the art gallery

Apr 2014 Computers for Schools

Assembler

- Assembled computers and laptops that were donated to schools
- Loaded operating systems and drivers onto systems

Academic Achievements and Awards

- Qualified as Golden Key International Honor Society Member
- o Awarded SFU Alumni Scholarship (\$500) in February 2016
- Awarded Passport to Education Scholarship (\$500) in September 2015
- o Distinguished as a National AP Scholar in July 2015