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Work Experience:

A9.com (Amazon) - Visual Search Platform Engineer

Palo Alto - September 2014 - December 2014

- Create Cron jobs that run concurrently on multiple machines to update the DynamoDB tables and the S3 buckets responsible for maintaining the data used by our visual search product
- Worked on internal tools used widely among the company to understand large quantities of data
- Worked on abstracting machine learning models for future ventures so that it may better rank our visual search results based on a wide variety of input
- Participated in a company hackday by constructing a receipt reader that uses OCR to track expenses

Yelp - Full Stack Web Developer with SeatMe

San Francisco – January 2014 - March 2014

- Learned Python and subsequently the Django framework to implement several new features that harness the power of PostgreSQL, Redis and RabbitMQ
- Constructed interactive UI using modern technology such as Backbone.js, SVG and Compass (SCSS)
- Created flexible front facing widget used by clients to make reservations from any platform/device
- Redesigned entire client guestbook page adding functionality for a better user experience
- Constructed a question & answer platform, such as StackOverflow, in Django for the Yelp hackathon
- Completely revamped the company website, seatme.yelp.com, giving it a fresh new look and feel

VitalHub - Android Developer

Toronto – May 2013 - August 2013

- Sole Android developer working on the VitalHub application for the Nexus 7 tablet
- Designed and implemented over a dozen brand new features into the application from the ground up, this includes both UI design and backend development
- Refactored application infrastructure to allow different types of data to be user viewable
- Applied AES-256-CBC encryption to the entire app for secure server and device communication
- Launched version 1.1 of the VitalHub Chart Android application onto Google Play

Pivotal (Xtreme) Labs - Agile Engineer

Toronto - September 2012 - December 2012

- Developed and maintained a large scale Android Service for an interactive tablet application
- Designed services to interact in parallel over the Android Inter-Process Communication (IPC) barrier
- Constructed a client side simulator, in Ruby, to stress test the server and mimic network traffic
- Designed and built an analytics tool in HTML5 and JavaScript to process simulator logs as well as display them effectively using the Google Chart Tools API
- Learned and effectively implemented Android debugging tools such as the stack/heap analytics tool, DDMS, as well as the native Eclipse Android debugger

Maluuba - Android Development Intern

Waterloo - September 2011 - January 2012

- Developed a web based application using the Yelp API, both using and not using OAuth
- Experienced with handling, creating and parsing JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) Objects
- Deployed and debugged web applications using Apache Tomcat 6.0 in a Linux environment
- Handled and learned to process API calls from a variety of providers
- Learned the frameworks of a successful start-up from upper-year students
- Used my self-taught knowledge of Android SDK to enhance the user interface

Technical Skills:

Languages Java, JavaScript, C++, Python, C, Ruby, Bash, R

Web HTML5, CSS3, Less, SASS, Compass (SCSS), Django, NodeJs, Backbone.js, jQuery

Mobile Android SDK (8+), PhoneGap with jQueryMobile

IDE Eclipse, Sublime, Atom, Android Studio, Netbeans, jCreator, RubyMine

Source Control Git, Mercurial, SVN

Bug Tracker Pivotal Tracker, Jira, RedMine

API Yelp, Twitter, Google Chart Tools, Dark Sky Forecast

Education:

University of Waterloo:

Waterloo ON, Canada 2011 -

2016

Candidate for Bachelors of Computer Science

• Presidents Scholarship for entrance average

Awards and Achievements:

• 3rd place at Google Games 2013

May 2013

- Worked in a team of 5 tackling multiple challenges such as puzzle solving
- Wrote and executed code in a limited amount of time to solve a problem
- Built a giant tower of Legos with rubber ducks on them

Activities and Interests:

- Developing and writing code for fun problems and challenges such as the Google Code Jam and Project Euler (60 problems solved so far)
- Maintain a blog where I express my opinion on the modern tech world and discuss fun challenges I've solved and just exploring fun concepts in mathematics
- Staying active by participating in many outdoor and indoor activities
 - Exercise regularly in an effort to stay healthy
 - Play sports such as badminton, volleyball, and soccer
 - Practice and perform dances with UWHipHop (our local hip hop dance club)

Transcript and References Available Upon Request