## SIMHON CHOURASIA

# University of Waterloo Computer Science

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#### **LANGUAGES AND TECHNOLOGIES**

- · Python, JavaScript, Java, HTML, CSS, SQL, Scheme
- React, Node, MongoDB, Express, Git, JSON, APIs, MS Office Suite
- Data science, machine learning with TensorFlow, scikit-learn, Matplotlib, Seaborn, NumPy, pandas

## **EXPERIENCE**

## **Data Science Researcher | Ryerson University**

**June 2019 – September 2019** 

- Cleaned large datasets, visualized data, and performed data mining with NumPy, pandas, Matplotlib and Seaborn
- Created predictive machine learning models with Python using the scikit-learn library (neural network, SVM)
- Researched the effects of team dynamics on university group project performance

## **Teaching Assistant | Kumon**

May 2019 - March 2020

- Graded classwork and homework as a part-time teaching assistant at a Kumon Math & Reading center in Toronto
- Guided high school students through course material, including calculus, statistics, and geometry

# PROJECTS

(PROJECT CODE AT GITHUB.COM/SIMHONCHOURASIA)

## 1) FoodFinder (GitHub)

- Developed a web application using the **MERN stack** to help people decide where to eat by swiping on restaurants
- Scrapes data for nearby restaurants using the Yelp API and stores information in a MongoDB database
- Created responsive, mobile-friendly frontend using React Hooks, and used Express/Node to make API calls

## 2) Investment Portfolio Display (GitHub)

- · Web application created using **Python** and Streamlit to display an investment portfolio in real time
- Used WealthSimple API to retrieve stock positions, Yahoo Finance API to find stock price history, and **pandas** to accumulate information and graphically display portfolio value

## 3) UIO: Expense Tracker (GitHub)

- Created a web-based application using the **MERN stack** to allow easy account creation and money tracking
- Made the frontend with React and Redux, and used Express and Node to connect to MongoDB server
- Implemented JWT authentication to let users securely register and log in

#### 4) Card Game Hand Analyzer (GitHub)

- Developed a web application using React, CSS, and JavaScript to assist with card games
- Applied combinatorial principles to develop algorithm to find all possible poker hands from a selection of cards

## 5) TFuse: Tweet Sentiment Analyzer (GitHub)

- Natural language processing model with TensorFlow and Google's Universal Sentence Encoder in Python to perform sentiment analysis on a dataset of 1 million tweets
- Overall second place winner at Ignition Hacks 2020, out of 62 projects

#### ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCES AND AWARDS

- Quantum Cryptography School for Young Students (2020): Invited to online series of seminars and problemsolving sessions involving linear algebra, statistics, algorithms, and quantum cryptography hosted by the University of Waterloo's Institute for Quantum Computing
- Math Competitions (2019, 2020): Top rankings in Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge (top 1%), American Invitational Mathematics Exam (top 5%), Euclid (top 0.7%)
- SHAD Fellow (2018): Engaged in STEM lectures and activities at SHAD McMaster University
- Scholarships: Presidential Scholarship of Distinction, Math Faculty Scholarship, TD Achieve the Dream Canada

#### **EDUCATION**

## **University of Waterloo**

**September 2020 - May 2025** 

- Candidate for Bachelor of Mathematics Honours Computer Science with Co-op program
- Enrolled in selective **advanced courses**, including Advanced Functional Programs, Advanced Algebra, and Advanced Calculus 1 (CS145, MATH145, MATH147, CS146, MATH146, MATH148, and STAT230)
- **GPA**: **4.0** (95.4% cumulative) (97% core)