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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Computer Science

2019 - 2023

Concordia University, Montreal

- Major CGPA: 4.05/4.3 Dean's list 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22
- Self Taught: MERN stack app development, Deep Learning, Data Structures and Algorithms.
- Co-founded the Google Developer Student Club at Concordia; Organized tech-workshops for students during 2021.
- IEEExtreme 13.0: Competitive Programming Ranked 13th in Canada.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Okta – Toronto May 2022 - Aug 2022

Software Engineer Intern – Okta Verify: MacOS Client

- Added support for Bluetooth TouchID by integrating and encapsulating macOS API for biometrics detection.
- Collaborated with Product Designers to develop user-centric desktop UIs and UX flows.
- Refactored codebase to MVVM pattern and increased test coverage by writing unit and functional tests.
- **Improved** testing efficiency by building a CI pipeline using Bitbar and by developing end-to-end UI tests. Technologies used: Swift, XCTest, Xcode, CocoaPods, Bitbar, Git, Agile, Jira.

Scotiabank – Toronto Jan 2022 - Apr 2022

Software Engineer Intern – Real-time Rails Payment Lab

- Developed RESTful APIs for validating Interac e-transfers in a microservice architecture with the Payment Hub team
- Improved APIs throughput by 4 times and response-time by 540ms by implementing a Cache in Spring boot.
- Enhanced performance by 46% by replacing sequential API calls with asynchronous parallel calls.
- Developed automated API testing using postman; mocked external API and DB calls using Wiremock and H2 database.
- Increased test coverage to 96% by writing unit tests.
 Technologies used: Java MVC, Springboot, Junit, IntelliJ, Git, Agile, Wiremock, Postman.

PROJECTS

LectureNotes Aug 2021

- **Problem:** My friends complained that notetaking during a virtual lecture was difficult as it hindered their concentration.
- Built a Chrome extension to take lecture notes from a live session with support for multiple languages and platform independent.
- **Increased** performance by ~70ms by implementing a dual communication channel of http requests and web sockets. Technologies used: Node.js, Web Sockets, Google Speech-to-Text, DeepAI text summarizer, HTML/CSS, JavaScript

GetYourVaccine May 2021

- Problem: Vaccines were scarcely available in India, as a result they were booked before most people got aware.
- Developed a web-app and a RESTful server to notify users as soon as a vaccine is locally available; 57 registered users in 3 weeks.
- Improved communication latency by replacing emails with SMS and lowered Twilio billing by 25%.
 Technologies used: Node.js, Express.js, AWS MySQL, Twilio, AWS EC2, REST API, HTML/CSS, JavaScript

YouMusic Dec 2020 - Mar 2021

- Problem: My father and his non-technical friends were having difficulties in downloading songs from the internet.
- Developed a web-app, a Chrome extension and a RESTful server to stream and download audio from YouTube.
- Reduced buffering by 87% by configuring server to serve range requests and further reduced it to real time by caching.
- Optimized server performance by ~20% by using asynchronous chunk processing; 22 users in first 10 days.
- **Enhanced** client satisfaction by building search UI thorugh integrating YouTube ifame and Data API's Technologies used: Node.js, Express.js, YouTube Data & Iframe API, Docker, Heroku, REST API, HTML/CSS, JavaScript

VOLUNTEERING AND LEADERSHIP

Software Engineering and Computer Science (SCS) Concordia – Montreal

May 2020 – April 2021

Vice-President of Projects

- Worked in a team of 13 people in Agile; Conducted 21 weekly coding competitions and held review sessions to discuss questions.
- Organized and hosted 4 algorithmic workshops; Taught various algorithms to 45+ students visually with their practical usage.
- Prepared 70+ students for coding interviews and increased participation rate by 64% by reaching out to 150+ students.

SKILLS