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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **Software Engineer – Microsoft** Redmond, WA 2020 - Present

- Reduced latency by 70% in key Win 11 service by improving caching, while also reducing CPU and costs.
- Reduced onboarding workload by 50% by minimizing friction through clear documentation & automation.
- Oversaw launch of 2 new Windows 11 on-by-default scenarios in latency sensitive customer paths.
- Saved multiple days of developer time per month with many automation improvements in deployment, code review, and livesite incidents.
- High-scale distributed .NET API service for >1 billion devices with >200k request/sec & reliability of 99.99%.

### **Quantitative Developer – Squarepoint Capital Hedge Fund** Montreal, QC Summer 2019

- Integrated data sourcing from multiple software vendors for gas and power pricing into an object-oriented Python codebase for quants to use for research and live-trading purposes, reducing lookup times by 8 minutes/per query.
- Rewrote the Python volatility and options pricing calculations to increase speed and take advantage of new features in Airflow scheduling software.

### **Automation Engineer – Direxion Technologies** Montreal, QC Summer 2018

- Lead and implemented the transition of the build and deployment system from GitLab CI to Jenkins with Docker containers.

### **Software Engineer – Woodbridge Group** Toronto, ON Summers 2016, 2017

- Wrote a C# computer vision application to improve the accuracy in identifying parts on conveyors.
- Created an application in C# and .NET framework for RFID part tracking through a doorway.
- Created a web application to price out all costs associated with building new factories.

## PROJECTS AND SKILLS

### **RBC Virtual Banker** Design Project – Lead app developer to increase financial literacy in young people 2019

- Utilized Recurrent Neural Network to analyze user spending patterns and make realistic budget predictions.
- Gamified the process of learning financial literacy by teaching users bite-sized financial tips.

### **FPGA Neural Network** ECSE 421 – Accelerometer "MNIST" Neural Network implemented in LabView 2020

### **Open-Source Contributor – Airflow** 2019

### **Lecture Recording System Enhancer** Chrome Extension 2018

### **Java Spring, Vue, Android** ECSE 321 – API and front-end developer in group of four 2018

**Skills** – C#, .NET, Python, Java, C, PowerShell, Bash, Docker

## EDUCATION

### **Bachelor of Engineering with Internship (Computer)** May 2020

McGill University, Montreal, Québec

## LEADERSHIP, EXTRACURRICULAR EXPERIENCE, AND INTERESTS

### **Hackathon Chair – CodeJam: DataDive** 2017

- Led a team of students to plan a hackathon for 250 students from McGill and other universities. Organized sponsorship efforts to raise over \$12,500 and created a website for the event.

### **Vice-President Finance** McGill Engineering Undergraduate Society 2019 – 2020

- Managed over \$4 million in cash flow annually, with a \$250k annual operating budget.
- Head organizer of semi-annual event with over \$450k in revenue.
- Oversaw financial affairs for 400 employees and volunteers.
- Designed electronic expense management system and automated account printouts to save hours/week.

### **Board of Governors** McGill Engineering Undergraduate Society 2017 – 2020

- Member of the highest governing body of the EUS. Create and ratify bylaws and policies, and draft a long-term vision for the society. Handle legal and financial matters.

**Interests:** Snowboarding, Home Renovation, Custom Embedded Smart Home Sensors