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Languages Python, JavaScript, TypeScript, PHP, Hack, C++, Java, Kotlin, C, SQL, Scala
Tools Node.js, React, GraphQL, Relay, Flask, AWS, Express.js, Spring Boot, Redux, Sass

EXPERIENCE

Jane Street

Incoming Software Engineer Intern

New York, NY

May. 2022 – Aug. 2022

Meta • VR Developer Engagement

Software Engineer Intern

Menlo Park, CA

Jan. 2022 – Apr. 2022

- Led development of **comfort tagging** feature on virtual reality storefront, increasing consumer awareness of VR comfort and addressing the #1 cause of VR store returns & refunds for 10M+ users.
- Integrated comfort tags into VR submission process, empowering Oculus developers to attach tags for reviewers to verify.
- Designed an internal dashboard using **PHP**, **GraphQL**, and **React** for storefront employees to manage tag metadata.

NVIDIA • GeForce NOW Chroma Team

Software Engineer Intern

Santa Clara, CA

May 2021 – Aug. 2021

- Worked on **content management system** that shows targeted marketing content to 10M+ users on the GeForce NOW client.
- Built an internal **layout preview feature** using **Python**, **Flask**, and **React** for content managers to preview the GeForce NOW client storefront by overriding user targeting parameters, streamlining marketing workflows.
- Optimized aggregation of user profiles by parallelizing requests to identity provider, reducing execution time by up to 90%.

FISPAN • ERP Development Team

Software Developer Co-op

Vancouver, BC

Sept. 2020 – Dec. 2020

- Worked in team that integrates ERP business management systems into all-in-one **fintech software** for banks and businesses.
- Created integration and automated syncing system for Intuit Quickbooks bookkeeping software using **Spring Boot** and **Kotlin** in a pilot to expand services to **100+ small businesses**.

Wish • Product Payments Team

Software Engineer Intern

San Francisco, CA

Jan. 2020 – Apr. 2020

- Developed **Python backend** APIs that use **PayPal** to collect owed cash payments from partnered Wish Blue satellite stores.
- Expanded pay-in-installments feature on **iOS/Android** to the UK, leading to a projected **\$6.3 million increase** in annual GMV.
- Implemented dynamic shipping address serialization for **worldwide address verification**, reducing cancellations by **16.7%**.
- Built a **daily pipeline** that recovers gift card failures by tracing **MongoDB** documents to determine where card claims failed.

Prizm Media • RxtoMe Development Team

Junior Web Developer Intern

Vancouver, BC

Apr. 2019 – Aug. 2019

- Worked on a web & mobile prescription ordering service using a **Node/Express** backend and **React/Redux** frontends.
- Introduced an **automated testing pipeline** for user flows using **LambdaTest** and **CircleCI**, saving 15+ man hours per week.

EDUCATION

University of Waterloo • Bachelor of Computer Science, Honours, Co-op

Sept. 2018 – Apr. 2023

- Math & Engineering Dean's Honours Lists – GPA 3.96/4 (92%)
- Algorithms, Data Structures, Machine Learning, Distributed Data, Operating Systems, Database Management, Networks