Toni Zeng

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Education ______

University of Waterloo

September 2022 – April 2027

Bachelor of Applied Science in Mechatronics Engineering (Coop)

Relevant Courses: Data Structures & Algorithms, Real-Time Operating Systems, Digital Computation

Skills

Languages: Java, Python, C++, C#, SQL, JavaScript, HTML/CSS

Tools/Technologies: Git, Jenkins, Docker, Kubernetes, Datadog, Logstash, Artifactory, Azure DevOps

Frameworks/Libraries: .NET, React, scikit-learn, PyTorch, OpenCV, Pandas, NumPy

Databases/OS: MySQL, SQLite, ChromaDB, UNIX, Mainframe, z/OS

Work Experience

DevOps Developer Intern | Kinaxis

September 2024 - December 2024

- Standardized **Dockerized** applications and **Helm charts** for **Kubernetes** deployments to align to with best practices in logging and containerization, improving consistency and reducing deployment errors by **15**%.
- Enhanced enterprise-scale **C#** applications using **.NET** by resolving critical issues to optimize performance and strengthen security, improving system reliability and reducing debugging time.
- Optimized logging processes for service logs transmitted to **Datadog** by implementing structured logging and refining **Logstash** parsing, reducing log processing time by **25**%.

Machine Learning Developer | Social and Intelligent Robotics Research Lab

May 2024 - August 2024

- Conducted user studies with 60 participants to evaluate computer vision models for an autonomous robotic arm.
- Developed and trained a Mask R-CNN model in Python using OpenCV and PyTorch on 50,000+ images, achieving 90% accuracy in anonymizing volunteer participant images.
- Optimized image processing with **Mask R-CNN** for accurate object detection and segmentation, extracting critical features like boundaries and labels, enhancing image clarity and segmentation accuracy by **30**%.

DevOps Engineering Intern | Royal Bank of Canada

January 2024 – April 2024

- Developed production code validation pipelines using Java, Jenkins, and Docker, reducing code errors by 91%.
- Led the identification and resolution of bottlenecks in deployment pipelines, decreasing deployment time by 35%.
- Deployed **DevOps infrastructure** with **UNIX** on **30+** Mac Minis, enabling department-wide mobile deployments.
- Implemented developer portal using **React** and **JavaScript** with **API** functionality, providing **90+** employees with a centralized hub for resources, streamlining work efficiency and accessibility.
- Created GitHub tools using API integration with Jenkins to enforce branch protection and enhance security.

Data Automation Engineering Intern | Metrolinx

May 2023 – August 2023

- Led the implementation of **Python** scripts for automated file validation, enhancing **data ETL** efficiency by **98%**.
- Preprocessed **10,000** transit records with **Python, Pandas, NumPy** for trend analysis and performance metrics.
- Developed optimized **SQL queries** to extract and transform data for **10+** customer-facing **Power BI** dashboards.
- Implemented Azure DevOps integration for seamless GitHub code deployment with CI/CD pipelines.
- Created document management apps utilizing MySQL for data storage and Power Apps for frontend interfaces.

Projects _

spotSpot | Ctrl+Hack+Del 2024 &

Python, PyTorch, Streamlit, scikit-learn

- Developed an acne classification model using **PyTorch's ShuffleNet CNN**, achieving **76% identification accuracy** across various acne types by optimizing model weights for high performance on a small dataset.
- Labelled and augmented 850+ photos to improve model robustness and variability for real-world image inputs.
- Built an interactive Streamlit frontend with live camera functionality for real-time acne diagnosis and guidance.
- Awarded 3rd place out of 62 teams and 235 participants, recognized for innovative design and technical execution.

JiraBot | Kinaxis Hackathon 2024 ⊗

OpenAI, Python, JavaScript, Node.js, ChromaDB, Docker

- Developed a **Teams** chatbot to assist developers in real-time ticket resolution by searching **Jira**'s ticket database and suggesting relevant tickets, using the **Jira REST API** to fetch data into **ChromaDB** for efficient semantic search.
- Fine-tuned an OpenAl LLM model to continuously learn from developer preferences, enhancing user experience.
- Built the frontend in **Node.js/JavaScript**, and the backend in **Python**, using **Docker** for environment consistency.