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# WILLA KONG



#### **CORE COMPETENCIES**

- \* Languages and Frameworks: Python, JavaScript, TypeScript, Angular, React, Redux, Java, C/C++, C#, .NET, SQL, Flask, Selenium
- \* Tools and Technologies: AWS, Docker, Git, PostgreSQL, Bash, Elasticsearch, Ansible, Jenkins
- \* Concepts: Web Development, Machine Learning, Cloud Computing, REST APIs, Relational Databases, Networking, Security, OOP

## **WORK EXPERIENCES**

## SS&C - Full-Stack Developer

Sep 2020 – Dec 2020

- \* Optimized search functions and queries in PostgreSQL for a knowledge base application by adding indexes and creating stored procedures, resulting in a 20% speedup for searches across all documents
- \* Implemented a user theming feature for an Angular application by abstracting common styles into a global stylesheet so that clients can immediately customize their own instance
- \* Integrated the Vault infrastructure into a Java application using Spring to protect secrets used for configuration, thus ensuring maintainability and scalability

IBM - IoT & AI Developer

Jan 2020 – Apr 2020

- \* Designed a REST API using Python and Flask that dynamically adds, trains, and recognizes users for facial recognition and implemented it on Paperspace in a GPU-accelerated Nvidia Docker container, halving training time for each user
- \* Reduced training time for a new user from 1 hour to 5 minutes by creating an intermediate feature cache in HDF5
- \* Developed a web-based image annotator using React, Redux and Leaflet.js to simplify object classification for business users and allow cross-platform collaboration on the same dataset of images

## Genesys - Full-Stack Developer Intern

May 2019 - Aug 2019

- \* Created an AWS RDS microservice with serverless lambda functions and CloudFormation to minimize setup time by half
- \* Composed Ansible scripts, Jenkinsfiles, and Dockerfiles to automate deployment of a Node.js application, reducing manual work

#### Nielsen – Software Developer

Sep 2018 - Dec 2018

- \* Developed a utility in C# that cleans financial data using metadata in Oracle, improving efficiency from a day to 10 minutes
- \* Used C# and Selenium to scrape flyers from major retailers to reduce manual workload from half a day to 5 minutes
- \* Filtered and cleaned large financial datasets stored in SQL Server and Oracle, returning a compact CSV within 5 minutes

## Morneau Shepell – System Developer

Jan 2018 - Apr 2018

- \* Created an integration application that syncs defect data from HP ALM to Microsoft VSTS using C#, .NET Core 2.0, REST APIs and a 3-way merging algorithm to allow for smoother agile scrum meetings
- \* Designed a UI proof of concept using Bootstrap, Angular 5, and ASP.NET Core that successfully illustrated a new syncing interface

#### **PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES**

## **Undergraduate Research Assistantship – Checker Framework**

Jan 2021 – Apr 2021

\* Integrated a Language Server Protocol (LSP) via a Visual Studio Code extension that dynamically checks for Java errors into a custom IDE for browser and Electron using Theia to avoid creating multiple versions of the LSP for different platforms

#### Handwriting Autocorrect

Feb 2020

\* Developed a Python application that parses handwriting with optical character recognition (OCR) and checks for spelling using natural language processing (NLP) and a Solace messaging queue between a Raspberry Pi and a Python server

Chat Server Oct 2018

- \* Created a chatroom application in Python where users can broadcast messages over the same network
- \* Gained insight on key networking concepts such as TCP/IP, protocols, sockets, client-server model, and addressing

## **EDUCATION**

## **University of Waterloo**

Sep 2017 - May 2022 (expected)

Bachelors of Applied Science (Computer Engineering)

\* Related Courses: Algorithms and Data Structures, Systems Programming and Concurrency, Computer Networks, Computer Security, Database Systems