# **WILLA KONG**

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### CORE COMPETENCIES

- \* Languages and Frameworks: JavaScript, Node.js, React, Redux, Python, C/C++, C#, .NET, SQL
- \* Tools and Technologies: AWS, Docker, Paperspace, Flask, Git, Bash, Elasticsearch, Ansible, Selenium
- \* Concepts: Web Development, Machine Learning, Cloud Computing, REST APIs, Relational Databases, Agile, OOP

# PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### IoT & AI Developer

Jan 2020 – Apr 2020

**IBM** 

- \* Designed a REST API using Python and Flask that dynamically adds, trains, and recognizes users for facial recognition
- \* Reduced training time for a new user from 1 hour to 5 minutes by creating an intermediate feature cache in HDF5
- \* Implemented REST API on Paperspace in a GPU-accelerated Nvidia Docker container, halving training time
- \* Developed a web-based image annotator using React and Redux, simplifying object classification for business users

# **Undergraduate Research Assistantship**

Sep 2019 – Dec 2019

University of Waterloo

\* Using C++ and OpenGL, programmed a convolutional neural network into an FPGA to hardware accelerate the model

### **Full-stack Developer Intern**

May 2019 - Aug 2019

Genesys

- \* Created an AWS RDS microservice with serverless lambda functions and CloudFormation to simplify the architecture
- \* Composed several Ansible scripts, Jenkinsfiles, and Dockerfiles to automate deployment, reducing manual workload
- \* Configured and queried Elasticsearch in ECS and EC2 instances in accordance to FedRAMP standards for US approval

# Software Developer Sep 2018 – Dec 2018

Nielsen

- \* Developed a utility in C# that cleans 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 datasets stored in SQL Server and Oracle, returning a compact CSV within 5 minutes

System Developer Jan 2018 – Apr 2018

Morneau Shepell

- \* 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 UI POCs using Bootstrap, Angular 5, and ASP.NET Core that successfully illustrated a new syncing interface

### PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

### Waterloop - Front-end Web Developer

May 2020 – present

\* Refining the codebase for Waterloop's website to improve web development skills in React, Redux, and TypeScript

# **Handwriting Autocorrect – MakeUofT Hackathon**

Feb 2020

- \* Developed an application in Python that parses handwriting using OCR and suggests appropriate spellings using NLP
- \* Implemented the messaging queue using Solace between the Raspberry Pi and the server for future scalability

### **EDUCATION**

# **University of Waterloo**

2017 – 2022 (expected)

Candidate of Bachelors of Applied Science (Computer Engineering)

\* Related Courses: Algorithms and Data Structures, Systems Programming and Concurrency