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Education

University of Ottawa

Graduating 2026, Seeking Summer 2025 Opportunities

BSc Computer Science, Honors

3rd Year - GPA: 3.5/4

Relevant Coursework: C++, Databases I, Design & Analysis of Algorithms, Functional Programming Concepts, Networking

Professional Experience

CRU Group - BI & Data ENG Consultant (Part-Time)

Toronto, ON, Canada

09/2024 - Present

- Proposed an implementation for Microsoft 365 Dynamics to develop a Data Crosswalk, reducing Data Scatter
- Implemented SOAP/REST API integrations to boost Cross-Functional team productivity
- Developed & managed key BI Reporting & Analytics solutions for CRU GROUP claims operations
- Created custom solutions using Python, SQLite, SQL Server, & Power BI to enhance Insurance Adjustment processes
- Created an ETL Pipeline collecting DATA to a MSSQL DB eliminating manual Adjustment Calculations
- Led improvement initiatives to **Streamline** operations, reducing manual work by over **60 hours/week** on a **10-Person** team
- Automated payroll processing with **Python & Cron** jobs, reducing financial overhead & enhancing reporting accuracy
- Implemented Agile Methodologies & Iterative Cycles to streamline Data Integration processes & shorten Delivery times

General Dynamics - DevSecOps & SWE (Intern)

Ottawa, ON, Canada

08/2023 - 09/2024

- Created elegant UX/UI Designs using SCSS/CSS & reduced site lag by 80% using Asynchrounous C# functions
- Deployed Collaboard using K3S (Kubernetes) for improved scalability & portability on an RHEL Linux Server
- Used AWS to develop a Cloud-Based deployment to replace On-Prem solutions with CI/CD Pipelines
- Built Security Trackers into Docker Containers using Palo Alto Cloud Compute (Twistlock) on an RHEL Linux Server
- Developed a WebApp from scratch using CSS, C# & SQLite to map GD facilities, displaying 25+ new floorplans
- Spearheaded GitLab restructuring across a 100+ person IT team, led Bi-Weekly Sprints & ensured GRC Compliance

IBM x uOttawa - Cybersecurity Simulation (Intern)

Ottawa, ON, Canada

03/2024 - 09/2024

- Enhanced Simulation Realism using innovative Psychological & Technological approaches
- Collaborated with Faculty & SMEs to design & build content tailored to Cybersecurity training
- Developed & maintained Simulation Environments for uOttawa Cyberrange, supporting 200+ professionals
- Implemented Psychological & Tech methods to enhance Simulation Realism & Immersion in Training Scenarios

Skills

- Proficient: Power Automate, Python, C, C++, Java, Docker, HTML, CSS, Git, Unix, TypeScript, ReactJS, Kubernetes, SQL
- Experienced: Bash, React Native, JavaScript, MongoDB, SQLite, NoSQL, REST, C#, AWS, Spring Boot, NextJS, PowerBI
- Beginner: Splunk, Android, Assembly, Jenkins, Maven, R, Powershell, GO, Kotlin, AutoDesk, Swift, Firebase, UI/UX
- PM & Leadership: Agile & Scrum Methodologies, Cross-Functional Team Leadership, Compliance, Risk Mitigation

Leadership

uOttaHack - Director - Advisor

06/2022 - 05/2024 - present

- Managed a team of 30+ organizers to execute a Hackathon with 700+ Students, 30+ Mentors & 25+ Companies
- Developed the uOttaHack Website, Livesite & uOttaApp, maintained 20+ Repositories (WebApps, API, CI/CD)
- Managed & maintained a GitHub organization housing 40+ Repositories with 30+ Members
- Guided sponsorship towards raising over \$55K yearly & grew the event's Instagram to 2.4K followers
- Defined & executed **Product Roadmaps** for event applications, integrating **User Feedback** to enhance hacker experiences
- Facilitated collaborations fostering Team Dynamics & Bonding, enhancing Community Engagement & Brand Visibility
- Advising on crucial outreach initiatives, teaching the fundamental pillars of Sponsorship & Budgeting

VaporWare Games - Co-Founder

01/2024 - present

- Developed a captivating 2D horror survival game using the Godot Engine, GDScript, C# & Python to implement features
- Crafted an Immersive Atmosphere & suspenseful storytelling elements within the Godot Engine's Framework
- Managed a Cross-Functional team of developers & designer, ensuring alignment with development goals & market trends

Projects

Mobilitrac - Smartphone-Based Activity Recognition

- Developed a **Python** application to analyze **Smartphone Usage Patterns**, offering insights into user behavior & interactions **uOttaChatBot** *uOttaHack 7 ChatBot Helper* <u>uOttaChatBot</u>
- Built a chat **UI** & custom-trained **LLM** to answer participants' event questions with **Express** & **Javascript uOttaApp** *Hacker Application App*

uOttaApp

- MEAN Stack WebApp used by 2500+ hackers to apply for uOttaHack 7, leveraging Next.js, Firebase & Vercel
- Managing 1000+ users at once, tracking & presenting hacker Stats on a User-Friendly UI enhanced by SCSS/CSS uOttaHack Site (2023/2024/2025) uOttaHack Sites
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 - Using React, Next, Express & Embeds to maximize efficiency & optimize UI/UX appeal Release/Update times
 - Maintaining Event Site through Vercel leading to 100k+ of funding raised & 200+ daily visits