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EDUCATION

University of Toronto

Sep. 2023 – Jun. 2027

Honours BSc. in Computer Science, Minor in Mathematics and Statistics | GPA: 3.67/4.0

EXPERIENCE

Software Engineering Intern

May. 2025 – Aug. 2025

Ontario Public Service

Toronto. ON

- Helped develop a **social networking platform** enabling OPS employees to share ideas and collaboratively address service challenges affecting Ontarians.
- Developed responsive **React TypeScript** frontend components including user dashboard, post creation interface, and notification system with **Tailwind CSS** styling.
- Streamlined administrative operations by creating comprehensive super admin interface using **Express.js** REST APIs with **PostgreSQL/Drizzle** ORM, reducing manual oversight time by 50%.

Founding Engineer

Jan. 2025 – Present

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Toronto, ON

- Collaborating with a team to build a financial literacy platform that educates users on personal finance.
- Built secure and scalable RESTful API endpoints to manage student-teacher access using Next.js,
 PostgreSQL, and TypeScript, improving data integrity and user experience across the platform.
- Engineered **real-time notification system** with conditional rendering and state management, reducing page load times by **25**% and improving user engagement.

Projects

- ☑ LocateAble (UofTHacks 12) | React, PostgreSQL, Gemini API, Google Maps API, Python, Supabase, Flask
 - Developed a web application that allows users to rate locations based on their accessibility for disabled people.
 - Integrated location-based services using the **Google Maps API** for visualization and the **Gemini API** to fetch query-relevant locations.
 - Designed and implemented a **PostgreSQL** database with normalized schemas to efficiently store user ratings and location data, enabling fast and reliable data retrieval.
 - Used Supabase for user authentication and Flask to create a RESTful API for the backend.
- Lumen (Terrahacks 2025 Winner) | React, Vite, Gemini API, Typescript, MongoDB, Unity, Framer Motion
 - Developed Lumen, a mental wellness companion app that analyzes user emotions via **Gemini AI** and provides therapeutic mini-games for personalized emotional support and trend tracking.
 - Developed **RESTful APIs** for emotion data collection, user analytics, and clinical reporting with comprehensive error handling.
 - Architected and developed backend API services using Node.js and TypeScript with MongoDB integration for emotion tracking and analytics.
 - Implemented Unity WebGL game integration with React using react-unity-webgl for the mini-games
- Trading Simulator | Python, Pandas, Matplotlib, Scikit-learn, NumPy, React, Node.js, MongoDB, Python, Flask
 - Built full-stack stock trading simulator with ML prediction engine enabling users to test custom models against real-time market data.
 - Implemented multi-algorithm ML pipeline with LSTM/RNN, Random Forest, XGBoost, and Q-Learning agents for 1-5 day stock price forecasting.
 - Developed asynchronous Flask API with MongoDB integration and dynamic model loading supporting TensorFlow and scikit-learn formats.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Python, HTML, CSS, Java, C, C++, Assembly, JavaScript, SQL, Typescript

Developer Tools: Agile, Git, Visual Studio Code, JetBrains IDEs, CPUlator, PostgreSQL, pgAdmin

Frameworks & Libraries: React, Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib, PyTorch, Tensorflow, Transformers, Scikit-learn, spaCY, Seaborn, JavaFX