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## **EDUCATION**

University of Waterloo - B.A.Sc. Honours Computer Engineering (GPA: 3.7/4).

Sept. 2016 – Apr. 2021

## Skills

(*Proficient*): Go, JavaScript, Java, SQL, React, Node.js (*Certified*): AWS Solutions Architect – Associate 2019 (*Familiar*): Python, PHP, C/C++, AngularJS, MobX, Redis, Next.js, MySQL, Postgres, Docker, Plaid, Stripe

#### EXPERIENCE

Software Engineer (Backend) – Snowflake Computing Inc

San Mateo, CA I Sept. 2020 - Now

Team: Snowflake UI – web interface for administrating and querying Snowflake DB

- Redesigned existing backend job queue to support better concurrency and management of jobs
- Improved shareability of dashboards by creating feature which can export and import them as JSON files
- Leveraged: Go for writing REST api, data stored on Postgres; deployed using Kubernetes on AWS and GCP

Software Developer (Full Stack) - Accenture Inc (Liquid Studio Division)

Toronto, ON I Sept 2019 - Dec. 2019

Project: CounterFIT - blockchain solution which proves authenticity of luxury clothing items

- Wrote JavaScript smart contracts for Hyperledger Fabric private blockchain to handle product transactions
- Reduced monthly bill from \$1500 to \$90 by using **Docker** on a fleet of **EC2** instances to run the blockchain network instead of **AWS Managed Blockchain**
- Optimized wallet load times from 3s to less than 0.5 s/call by utilizing EBS volumes instead of S3 for storage
- Leveraged: **React-Native** with **Cognito**, **Node.js REST** backend, blockchain smart contracts written in JavaScript, deployed using **Docker** on **EC2** instances with **DynamoDB** and **S3**

Software Engineer (Backend) - Kik Interactive Inc.

Waterloo, ON I Jan. 2019 - Apr. 2019

Project: KikX – integrate Kin cryptocurrency into the Kik messaging app

- Created 25,000+ daily spenders of the Kin cryptocurrency by implementing RxJava gRPC handlers in microservices
- Scaled services to handle up to 200 calls/second by implementing a Redis cache on database layers
- Increased **DDoS** protection by using rate limiters on server endpoints created with Redis to cache request information
- Leveraged: RxJava for implementing gRPC handlers, data stored on MySQL and DynamoDB, JUnit tests with Guava, distributed system managed using Zookeeper that is run on AWS

Software Developer (Full Stack) - Localyyz Inc

Toronto, ON I May. 2018 - Aug. 201

Team: Localyyz – mobile retail and accessories sales platform

- Designed novel "product score" which ranks products out of 100 that indicates how likely the product is to sell based on its metadata
- Improved product sharing by using Branch.io to build deep linking into the app from social media
- Increased user **session time** by 10% through creating a double tap to like feature (similar to Instagram)
- Leveraged: React-Native with MobX for app, Go REST api, data stored on Postgres, deployed on Digital Ocean

Front End Web Developer – Teranet Inc

Toronto, ON I Sep. 2017 - Dec. 2017

Team: GeoWarehouse – property tool for real estate agents

- Improved code coverage from 37% to 92% by writing tests and refactoring large portions of front-end code
- Leveraged: **AngularJS** (1.x) for frontend development, **LESS** for stylesheets, **Protractor** for e2e testing

#### **PROJECTS**

micro-donation (www.microdonation.ca)

Sept 2020 - Now

- **React** web app written with **Tailwind** that round's up a user's daily purchases to donate the "change" to charity
- Recurring credit card payments handled using Stripe and Plaid on Go serverless functions run on AWS Lambda