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SKILLS

• Full-stack software engineering, with emphases on product, data, and algorithms

- Proficient in C++, C, Java, Python, JavaScript, PHP, HTML/CSS, SQL, and Unix-like environments
- Familiar with C#, Go, Objective-C, R, MATLAB, Lisp, Haskell, Prolog, Verilog/VHDL, and LATEX

EDUCATION

University of Toronto

2015 - 2019

- Honours B.Sc., with high distinction (GPA: 3.87)
- Double majors in computer science and statistics, with a specialist focus in Artificial Intelligence
- UofT Scholars Award, Dean's List, and the Dr. Charles and Margaret Brown Award

EXPERIENCE

Senior Software Engineer

Meta

2019-Present

- Reality Labs, AI Knowledge (Burlingame, CA)
 - Bringing multimodal knowledge capabilities to GenAI across wearable devices and Meta's family of apps
 - Drove the initial engineering effort for an in-house text→image search engine, now powering inline images on the Meta AI chatbot and Meta Ray-Ban Display smart glasses
 - Built embedding and OCR-based RAG to enable landmark/storefront recognition on the multimodal AI assistant
- Instagram Growth Acquisition (Park, CA)
 - Tech lead for several top-of-funnel growth products: web embeds ♥, QR codes (nametag) ♥, profile/link sharing
 - My launches directly drive +15 million monthly active users to Instagram annually
- Technologies: C++, Python (Django), JavaScript (React), PHP (Hack), Objective-C (iOS), Go

Software Engineering Intern

Airbnb

Summer 2018

- Trust and Safety: User Knowledge (San Francisco, CA)
 - Developed NLP models to label news data, saving thousands of hours of manual ops work on background checks
- Technologies: Python, Ruby, TensorFlow, SpaCy, Snorkel

 $Software\ Engineering\ Intern$

Google

Summer 2016, 2017

- Data Infrastructure and Analysis (Mountain View, CA)
 - Developed automation tools for Evenflow, the scalable distributed system for AdWords log aggregation
- DoubleClick Bid Manager (New York, NY)
 - Processed millions of Google Maps business chains to grow ad campaign geotargeting coverage by 500%
- Technologies: C++, JavaScript, HTML/CSS, BigTable, MapReduce, Colossus, S2 Geometry

MISCELLANY

- Competitive programming: Canadian Computing Olympiad (Bronze Medal), USACO (Gold Div), ACM ICPC. I've been a core problem setter for Meta Hacker Cup 🗷 since 2020, and also developed for Google Code Jam 🗹.
- I'm a Canadian citizen and U.S. permanent resident, fluent in English and Mandarin.