Dennis Fong

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EDUCATION

McMaster University

Bachelor of Engineering (Software Engineering, 3.7 CGPA) Courses: Data Structures (Java), Algorithms and Complexity, Intro to Machine Learning (Python, PyTorch), Software Design (Java, Python), Concurrent Programming (Go, Python), Databases (SQL)

Technical Skills

Languages: Python, JavaScript, SQL, C/C++, Java, Go, MATLAB, HTML/CSS Libraries/Frameworks: Git, AWS, TensorFlow, PyTorch, NumPy, Pandas, Node, js, Flask, React

Experience

Cloud Engineer Intern

Purolator

- Orchestrated a real-time data pipeline to monitor 500+ AWS resources using CloudWatch, Lambda, and S3
- Automated deployment of IAM roles in 47 accounts with CloudFormation to warrant cross account monitoring
- Collaborated with solution architects to design applications adhering to best practices and architectural patterns
- Visualized data on Amazon QuickSight, leveraging SQL queries executed on Athena against a Glue database

Teaching Assistant - Algorithms and Complexity

McMaster University

• Facilitated **200** students' learning of algorithms and computational tractability assisting them with understanding complex topics such as dynamic programming, network flow, divide & conquer, and complexity classes

Quantitative Developer - DeGroote Finance and Investment Council Oct. 2022 – Feb. 2024

McMaster University

- Analyzed sentiment of financial headlines with 89% accuracy by implementing natural language processing model
- Implemented mean reversion trading strategy in **Python** yielding a **278%** profit over 10 years on historical data
- Projected stock value within a 9% margin from true market price by utilizing long-short term memory in PyTorch
- Created and verified validity of **11** algorithms through back-testing on **over 1,000,000** historical data points

Undergraduate Research Assistant

McMaster University

- Solved software version dependencies and conflicts in polynomial time with linear programming in **Python** and **Z3**
- Explored methods of optimizing package management in supercomputers by formulating them as SAT problems
- Detected cycles in dependencies at 97% accuracy by devising an algorithm that implements dynamic programming

Projects

Dog Breed Classifier | *Python, TensorFlow, NumPy, Pandas*

- Deployed a deep learning model using the Xception architecture to classify **120** dog breeds with **94%** accuracy
- Preprocessed dataset of 10,000+ images by resizing, and rescaling resulting in a 17% increase in model accuracy
- Evaluated metrics such as precision, recall, and confusion matrix to gain deeper insights into model performance

Track.it | JavaScript, SQL, MySQL, React, Express.js, Node.js

- Built a full-stack web application that tracks the daily and total change of a portfolio created by the user
- Constructed front-end design with React to display user interface for up to 10 pages using MaterialUI
- Used Express js to communicate various relevant data between the front-end and the database entities
- Created and maintained database schema using MySQL to store asset data leveraging Express.js functionality

London Tube Pathfinding | *Python*, *PyTest*, *flake8*

- Experimented with pathfinding algorithms on more than 300 train stations in the London Tube transit system
- Applied object oriented programming and SOLID principles to create proficient and maintainable code
- Tested algorithm implementations using PyTest and Flake8 for automated error checking and code organization
- Utilized dynamic programming in order to reduce algorithm execution time from factorial to exponential

Hamilton, ON Sep. 2020 - Present

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