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# Kefan Cao

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#### **EDUCATION**

University of Waterloo, Bachelor of Computer Science - 2024(4.0 GPA, Dean's Honours, K.D. Fryer Gold Medal Recipient)
Courseworks: Machine Learning, Databases, Security, Networks, Operating Systems, Parallel Programming, Algorithms
Extracurriculars: Varsity Men's Rowing

#### **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

Programming Languages
Tools & Technology

Python, C++, C, Go, Typescript, Javascript, C#, Java, Kotlin, SQL, Racket, R, Bash

GraphQL, MySQL, React.js, Node.js, HTML, CSS, AWS, GCP, Git, LaTex, Firebase, Neo4j, New Relic

#### **EXPERIENCE**

Included Health San Francisco, California

**Software Engineer** 

Oct, 2024 - Current

• Led the development of a comprehensive notification settings page to enhance user control over communication preferences.

Leveraged the Salesforce Notifications API to facilitate real-time notification dispatch to millions of users.

## X Corp Media Software Engineer

San Francisco, California

May, 2024 - Sept, 2024

- Presented to stakeholders weekly on the design and implementation of an in-conference chat feature on X conferences using React.
- Engineered a proxy server to translate requests for all **WebRTC** related X services, increasing X conference participants by **100%**.
- Developed a chat moderation API which enabled millions of broadcasters to moderate inappropriate comments and spam.
- Overhauled the chat API backend for conferences, optimizing the inappropriate content filter and spam filter.

#### **Included Health**

San Francisco, California

**Software Engineer** 

Jan, 2024 - Apr, 2024

- Spearheaded the design of a new **notifications** API to provide push, email, and SMS notifications through to clients.
- Implemented a templating engine to allow templated emails to be sent to clients through the aforementioned notifications API.
- Enabled a scheduling mechanism via Temporal in the notification service to deliver notifications at the desired time.
- Provided key marketing insights by instrumenting the notifications service and streaming analytics to Amplitude.

#### Terrace.fi - YCombinator S22, DeFi Trading

New York, New York

#### **Quantitative Software Engineer**

May, 2023 - Aug, 2023

- Engineered various custom strategies and algorithms to detect arbitrage opportunities across different exchanges.
- Integrated Coinbase and Binance APIs for real-time order book streaming and trading on Terrace using Golang.
- Designed an liquidity-price optimal algorithm to determine the most cost-efficient order execution route(s) for large volume orders.
- Instrumented an API using **GraphQL** that provides the transaction cost for different execution speeds on 9 different blockchains.

### Capital One

**Toronto, Ontario** 

#### **Infrastructure Software Engineer**

Jan, 2023 - Apr, 2023

- Won first place in a company hackathon of more than 2500 engineers by pioneering a machine learning incident resolution system.
- Led a team of engineers to implement an advanced observability architecture across all Canadian software compartments.
- Enabled core observability tool support for Go and Javascript through New Relic and distributed tracing.

#### **Cisco Systems**

Ottawa, Ontario

#### Infrastructure Software Engineer

Jan, 2022 - Apr, 2022

- Ensured stable and consistent feature release for Ip-in-Ip Encapsulation/Decapsulation tunnels through Agile methodologies.
- Achieved a 200% speed-up on a traffic generator and increased the connection speed of said generator by 50%.
- Implemented an automatic testing workflow in C for router CLI verification which completely relieved manual testing.

#### Waterloop - Hyperloop Team

Waterloo, Ontario

Software Engineer Aug, 2021 - Dec, 2021

- Independently designed a built-in self testing interface used on the hyperloop pods to reduce electrical testing time by 40%.
- Employed systems design techniques in a command-line tool that allowed engineers to take measurements with high scalability.
- Collaborated with other team members to rigorously test the firmware using tools and technologies including C++, Python, and Git.

#### **AWARDS & HONORS**

- 2024 K.D. Fryer Gold Medal (One awarded per graduating class)
- 2023 Gold Medal at Ontario University Atheletics (OUA) Rowing Regatta (Double Scull)
- 2022 Ontario Entrepreneurship Award (\$3,000); President's Scholarship (\$2,000); International Experience Award (\$2,500)