Academic Background

Concordia University, Montréal, Québec Canada

• Bachelor of Computer Science, Honours Computer Applications, (2010) Fields of application: physics and artificial intelligence

Professional Experience

Align Technology

MES Software Engineer (On site contractor, through Atachi Systems)

July 2010 - present

- Software Engineering and System Administration work centered around a J2EE application: FactoryTalk ProductionCentre, a Manufacturing Execution System software product by Rockwell Automation.
 - Software Engineering work:
 - Design and implementation of software solutions (in Pnuts) for change requests coming from the SQA team.
 - Reverse-engineering of Rockwell Enterprise Java Beans programs into Rockwell Java Web Services programs. Developed new Java code, and modified existing Java code.
 - Worked with the FTPC 8.1 Build Utility, to disassemble dsx files into xml structures, and to re-assemble xml files into dsx files.
 - System Administration work:
 - Implementation of an Apache Ant script, and multiple Bash scripts, to automate part of the FTPC & JBoss installation/configuration procedures, on remote Linux servers.
 - Installation and configuration of FTPC 8.0, 8.1, & 8.2, on WebSphere/Windows platforms.
 - Installation and configuration of FTPC 8.1 & 9.0, on JBoss/Linux platforms.
 - Installation and configuration of FTPC 9.0 Live Transfer & Purge, for the transfer & purging of data between a Production database and an ODS database.
- Wrote custom documentation (in LATeX) on installing and configuring FTPC 8.1 & 9.0 on Red Hat JBoss/Linux platforms.
- Managers: Ema Patki & Kumuda Priya K R.

Atachi Systems

Solution & Support Engineer

September 2009 - July 2010

- Software development with the .NET Framework 3.5, using C#.
- Trained on Rockwell FactoryTalk ProductionCenter 8.1:
 - Software development with Rockwell's Pnuts API. Developed/scripted simple forms, subroutines, grids, data collection sets, and basic lot processing tasks.
 - Software development with Rockwell's Java Web Services API. Developed simple applications to perform basic lot operations, through an HTTP protocol.
- FTPC support engineering work: Basic monitoring of interface managers, historical transfers, and purge operations.
- Manager: Mekala Rao.

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Research Assistant

May 01, 2009 - August 31, 2009

- General domain of the work: Natural Language Processing at the textual level noun phrase semantics.
- Performed work on a Java-based number-interpreter system by enhancing its capabilities.
- Worked with the General Architecture for Text Engineering (GATE) framework.
- Wrote JAPE grammars.
- Supervisor: Dr. Sabine Bergler.

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Research and Software Development

March 16, 2009 - April 31, 2009

- Developed Java-based components in order to perform natural language processing tasks, at the textual level.
- Researched on different ways of processing natural language texts for web applications mainly involving social networking.
- Worked mainly with the GATE framework and also with the Stanford parser.
- Managers: Olivier Berger & Robert Skoczylas.

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Research Assistant

May 01, 2008 - August 31, 2008

- General domain of the work: Natural Language Processing at the textual level
- Performed work on a Java-based automatic text summarization legacy system.
- Worked with the General Architecture for Text Engineering (GATE) framework.
- \bullet Designed program modules in Java, tested the system extensively, and wrote bash scripts.
- Supervisor: Dr. Sabine Bergler.

Theoretical Particle Physics, Physics Department, Concordia University

Research Assistant

May 01, 2007 - August 31, 2007

- Assisted cutting-edge research work involving high energy physics calculations.
- Wrote programs to perform the calculations with specialized Mathematica software packages (FeynArts, FormCalc, and LoopTools).
- Created and presented a poster on the research work.
- Supervisors: Dr. Mariana Frank & Dr. Ismail Turan.

Computer Skills

Programming Languages

- Skilled in Object-Oriented (OO), Procedural, and Functionnal programming.
- Java, Pnuts, Bash, Python, C#, .NET Framework 3.5, C++, C, Scheme, and Mathematica.

Integrated Development Environements

• Eclipse, NetBeans, Microsoft Visual Studio, FTPC Process Designer.

Source Code Editor

• Vi, Vim, GVim, and MacVim.

Build Tools

• Apache Ant 1.8.2.

Markup Languages

• HTML, XML, and TEX.

Software Engineering Knowledge and Tools

• Software Life Cycle and Unified Modeling Language (UML).

Source Code Management Tools

• Mercurial, Git, CVS, ClearCase.

Databases

• SQL Server 2005 & 2008, Oracle 9i, MySQL, Relational Modeling, Relational Algebra, NHibernate.

Artificial Intelligence and Natural Language Engineering

- Cognitive Architecture Soar (State, Operator And Result)
- GATE (General Architecture for Text Engineering), an infrastructure for developing and deploying software components that process human language.
- JAPE (Java Annotation Patterns Engine) grammar.

Application Software

• LaTeX, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Gnuplot (to draw graphs).

Operating Systems

• Red Hat Enterprise Linux AS 4.5 & 5.4, Ubuntu, Mac OS X, Windows (XP, Vista, and server 2003 & 2008).

Virtual Machines

• Vmware Player.

Application Servers

- Red Hat JBoss Enterprise Application Platform 4.3 & 5.0.
- IBM WebSphere 6.1.

Others

• Pygments – a Python syntax highlighter.

Honors and Awards

- Undergraduate Student Research Award (USRA) from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), for research work in Natural Language Processing (Artificial Intelligence) at Concordia University, Summer 2009
- Undergraduate Student Research Award (USRA) from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), for research work in Natural Language Processing (Artificial Intelligence) at Concordia University, Summer 2008
- Undergraduate Student Research Award (USRA) from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), for research work in High Energy Physics, at Concordia University, Summer 2007
- Member of the International Golden Key Honour Society (since Fall 2006)
- Dean's List 2007, Concordia University, Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science

Publication

Sylvain Bellemare, Sabine Bergler, and René Witte. ERSS at TAC 2008. Text Analysis Conference (TAC), November 17-19, 2008, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Gaithersburg, Maryland, USA.

Poster Presentation

Sylvain Bellemare. Single Top Quark Production at LHC: FeynArts-FormCalc-LoopTools at Work. Presented at the Arts and Science Undergraduate Research Day, Concordia University, Spring 2008.

Languages

French & English: spoken and written