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Employment

Cofounder Silversight AI March 2025 – Present

- Built our **OpenTofu** and **CI/CD** infrastructure from the ground up, then scaled as team size grew 300%.
- Planned and implemented a microservice architecture built in **Python** and C#.
- Handled cost management and IAM for an enterprise-scale GCP deployment, ensuring org-wide compliance.

Software Consultant

Self-Employed

January 2025 – March 2025

- Implemented an architecture with Celery and Docker for rapidly deploying bespoke data pipelines that interface between **HubSpot** and **PostgreSQL**, cutting onboarding time for new clients by 2 weeks.
- Designed a chatbot driven by **OpenAI**, able to interpret and execute natural-language requests.

Software Engineer

AutoIDM

March 2023 – January 2025

- Made 200+ Git contributions to the open-source Meltano platform, an ETL tool written in Python.
- Refactored our internal **numpy** and **pandas** wrappers, expediting ticket turnaround by 12.8%.
- Modernized our GitLab CI pipelines with uv and ruff to cut build times from 6-7 minutes to 2-3 minutes.
- Constructed and maintained 20+ API-based microservices using tools such as **Postman**, **ngrok**, and **Snowflake**.

Additional Experience

Technical Projects

- exaaactly (2025). Custom theme for static websites with clean and elegant HTML/CSS.
- target-universal-file (2024 2025). Data loader for the Singer format that supports CSV, JSON, Excel, and Parquet. Written in Python, published to PyPI.

Volunteer Work

- **President:** Computer Club at Western Michigan University. April 2023 April 2024.
- Data Analytics Mentor: FIRST Robotics Team 5675. May 2022 May 2024

Education

Western Michigan University

September 2022 – April 2025

- M.Sc. Computer Science, April 2025. GPA: 4.00
- B.Sc. Computer Science & B.Sc. Data Science, April 2024. GPA: 4.00
- Honors: Presidential Scholar, Lee Honors College, Summa Cum Laude ×2, Dean's List ×3