Raayan Pillai

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Professional Experience Virtu Financial, New York, NY Trader

Apr 2021 – present

Gemini, New York, NY Software Engineer

Oct 2019 – Mar 2021

Developed and maintained systems that service millions of retail exchange users. Built event introspection tools to monitor, detect, and prevent fraudulent and nefarious behavior on exchange. Architected a peer-to-peer KYC system that allows exchanges to fulfill regulatory obligations. Optimized database structures and queries throughout product offerings. Built out caching layers and practiced performance oriented programming to meet the exchange's growing volume. Utilized JVM thread and memory analytics to further improve code. (Scala, PostgreSQL, JVM, Performance)

Goldman Sachs, New York, NY Software Engineer

Jul 2018 - Oct 2019

Engineer for the Investment Banking Division. Architected and deployed a micro-service that consolidated the debt and equity capital market teams' external settlement processes. Worked with a group of peer firms to enable direct communication between capital market participants. Implemented and deployed a FIX client that enabled our participation in the consortium. Overhauled the test development process by providing a framework for devs to more accurately simulate business workflows. (Java, JMS, Spring, Hibernate, FIX, QuickFIX)

Intern

May 2017 - Aug 2017

Replaced a monthly private wealth management performance report, requiring 4-5 hours of manual calculation, with a live dashboard. Achieved by integrating lending (mortgage and loan) data and relevant key-performance-indicators into web dashboards. Deployed processes to flatten and join from multiple data sources in the firm's proprietary language. (SQL, Process Management)

FINRA, Rockville, MD

Intern

May 2016 - Aug 2016

Implemented fuzzy string matching algorithms to reduce errors by giving context to data ingested from physical mediums. (OCR Systems) Deployed a web-service using this system and geocoding APIs, that enabled employees to correct their bespoke data. (Python, REST)

Independent Projects lockbook, New York, NY

Secure, Version-Controlled Journaling

June 2019 – present

A security-first, cross-platform, markdown-friendly journaling application. Lockbook employs industry-standard encryption (transparently implemented in our open-source codebase) to secure a user's data before committing to the git repository of their choosing. (Rust, Cryptography, Swift, PostgreSQL)

redcloud, Rochester, NY

Inter-Exchange Arbitrage Engine

Feb 2017 - May 2018

Implemented an arbitrage trading bot which analyzed real time market data from various cryptocurrency exchanges to find arbitrage opportunities between them. Maintained network statistics and a local order-book to reduce risk related to exchange stability. (Java, C++, WebSockets)

overseer, New York, NY

Hour Management and Synthesis

Jan 2017 – present

Platform for collecting, manipulating, and deriving useful analytics from focused, hourly recordings. Encourages mindfulness by employing various data-science libraries to predict future behavior and recognize patterns. (Python, Machine-Learning)

EDUCATION

University of Rochester, Rochester, NY

B.S., Computer Science

Sep 2014 - May 2018

Tools

Proficiency: Rust, Python, Scala, Swift, SQL

Familiarity: Java, C/C++, CUDA

Technologies: PostgreSQL, Pulsar, Bazel, FIX, UNIX, Docker