NICOLE ALLARD

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DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE:

May 2011 – Present

Rapleaf / LiveRamp

Software engineer. Currently leading all frontend engineering projects. Working primarily with JavaScript, Backbone, Jasmine and RoR. Other responsibilities have included implementation and maintenance of high performant map reduce jobs in Cascading, and integration with third party apis.

April 2010 – April-2011

CaseWare International

Web developer. Solely responsible for maintaining and implementing all features for caseware.com. Working directly with marketing, support and application teams consulting and designing solutions to satisfy user and business requirements. Working with Python, JavaScript and CSS.

January 2010 – May 2010

Loans for Less

Lead designer and developer on contract for a small startup creating financial service software for a kiosk. Designed and developed front end GUI, kiosk level software, backend operator application, and database management system. Involved consulting with the client and translating business requirements into design documents. Worked mainly with C# and SQL Server.

January 2008 – August 2008

University of Toronto

Student developer and consultant. Worked 4 months with a fellow student, then 4 months alone, consulting with a member of Object Mentor to develop an Eclipse plug-in. Involved meeting with the client to determine the goals of the project, designing the solution, and beginning development. Plug-in involves rendering graphical visualizations from java class files and working with the Eclipse refactoring engine to modify java code by way of changes to the visualization. Worked with Byte Code Engineering Library, Eclipse libraries, and Java.

June 2006 – August 2007

Embarcadero Technologies

Junior developer intern. Worked both alone and with a team to improve existing software, identify and fix problem areas and to plan and develop new features. Worked mainly in Java, C++ and MFC, with occasion projects using SQL and improving licensing methods and application installers.

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QUALIFICATIONS:

Technical	• Languages:	• Proficient in JavaScript, Java, Ruby
		• Comfortable with Prolog, Racket, C#, Python, SQL
		• Working experience with C, C++
	• Tools	• Eclipse, Visual Studio, Firebug, Git, SVN, Photoshop

Interpersonal
- 2 years' experience serving in restaurants and 2 years' experience working in retail. Very friendly and confident when meeting and interacting with people. Able to courteously and effectively handle clients.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:

September 2004 – May 2009

University of Toronto

Elected Social Director of the Computer Science Student Union, and volunteer for the Department of Computer Science. Organized social gatherings for computer science students, gave tours of the department to potential students, participated in departmental events such as a program to promote interest in computer science to young girls, spoke in panel discussions on student life, wrote articles for the departmental newsletter, and organized groups of volunteers to participate in promotional events for the department.

September 2007 – May 2008

Google Ambassador

Student representative for Google in the Computer Science department at the University of Toronto for the 2007/2008 school year. Promoted Google events, planned events for students, and maintained contact with the Google University Programs department in order to apply for sponsorship for such events.

EDUCATION:

September 2003 – August 2008

University of Toronto

Honours Bachelors of Science
Computer Science Program, Specializing in Software Engineering

INTERESTS & ACTIVITIES:

- Cooking & Eating
- Board Games
- Rubik's Cubes - able to solve 2x2, 3x3, 4x4 and 7x7

- Steel Drum
- Reading
- Art – Sketches, Pen and Ink, Glass Painting.