# MIKAËL D'AGOSTINO

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### **EDUCATION**

McGill University - GPA: 3.9/4.0

Sep 2023 - Dec 2026

BSc. Computer Science & Artificial Intelligence with a Math minor

University of Melbourne

Feb 2025 - Jun 2025

Semester Abroad on Exchange

# **PROJECTS**

### Swag - Social Media App & Website

Jan 2023 - Present

- Designed and built from scratch a fully functional and scalable full-stack social media platform with Next.js and MongoDB for the website & API and React Native with Expo for the mobile app.
- Integrated backend systems with AWS S3, Lambda, Rekognition & CloudFront for media storage, processing & encoding, media moderation and caching, improving load times by 40%.
- Implemented real time messaging with SocketIO.
- Deployed on AWS EC2 using a Cloudflare proxy for improved security and scalability to handle potentially 5000+ users at any given time.

Freckers - Semester Project for COMP30024 at the University of Melbourne

Mar 2025 - May 2025

- **Designed a competitive Al agent** for the two-player game Freckers using a custom **Minimax algorithm** with a **dynamic heuristic** evaluation function.
- Engineered performance optimizations including **dynamic depth search**, opening move caching, and a memory-efficient node representation **reducing memory usage by up to 80%**.
- Achieved 99% win rate against random agents and 93% against greedy agents in over 60 simulations.
- Explored Alpha-Beta pruning, Monte Carlo Tree Search (MCTS), and neural network integration as alternative strategies for future enhancement.

### AutoBot - Winner of McGill CodeJam 2024 Hackathon

Nov 2024

- Designed and developed an Al-driven chatbot to assist car dealerships in recommending vehicles based on real-time conversational input with a Flask API.
- Built a custom recommendation engine leveraging named entity recognition (NER) and aspect-based sentiment analysis.
- Enhanced natural language understanding through **word embeddings and sentiment modeling,** significantly improving recommendation precision.
- Awarded 1st place in the Matador Al-sponsored competition, outperforming 10+ competing teams.

## **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

Languages: JavaScript, Java, Python, HTML, CSS, C, Haskell

Developer Tools: AWS (S3, Lambda, CloudFront, Rekognition, EC2), MongoDB, Cloudflare, Nginx, Git

Frameworks & Libraries: Next.js, Node.js, React.js, React Native, Expo, SocketIO, Flask

# **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

# City of Côte St Luc Recreation - Tennis Club & Arena Attendant

Jun 2022 - Feb 2025

- Manage daily operations of the tennis club, including equipment inventory, and facility maintenance.
- Oversee tennis & skating events such as tournaments, parties and leagues to ensure smooth execution. Provide
  customer service to skaters and club members, addressing inquiries, resolving issues, and fostering a positive
  atmosphere.
- Maintain accurate records of memberships, court bookings, and financial transactions.
- Ensure compliance with club/arena policies and regulations, prioritizing a safe and welcoming environment.

## **EXTRA CURRICULAR**

# **Startupfest Volunteer**

2024 & 2025

 Volunteered at Canada's leading startup and tech festival, supporting event logistics, registration, and attendee experience for 7,000+ participants across 2 consecutive years

# **LANGUAGES**

English: ProficientFrench: ProficientItalian: Conversational