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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

MSc in Computer Science 2017 | Delhi, IND

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BSc (Hons.) IN COMPUTER SCIENCE 2015 | Delhi, IND

LINKS

StackOverflow://001vrn
GitHub://001vrn
Medium://001vrn
LinkedIn://001vrn
Twitter://@001vrn

COURSEWORK

GRADUATE

Advanced Operating Systems
Design and Analysis of Algorithms
Machine Learning
Artificial Intelligence
Information Security
Compiler Design
Database applications
Data Mining

UNDERGRADUATE

Design and Analysis of Algorithms
Database Systems
Computer Network
Theory of Computation
Software Engineering
Operating Systems
Computer Graphics
Computer System Architecture

SKILLS

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Java Kotlin Spring (Boot/MVC)
- AWS gRPC System design
- PostgreSQL MS SQL Server SQL
- Cassandra Scylla DynamoDb
- Redis Kafka Avro Agile(Scrum)
- JMeter Docker Wiremock
- GCP Non-functional testing

SOFT SKILLS

- Communication (English, Hindi)
- Public Speaker Self-motivation
- Responsible Problem-solving
- Teamwork Leadership Volunteer

WORK EXPERIENCE

DELIVERY HERO | SOFTWARE ENGINEER II

Jan 2022 - Present | Berlin, DEU

- Working on a Tier 1 service with 5K TPS which handles vendors data
- Optimised p95 latency from 1.2s to 680ms by profiling and refactoring
- Migrated Tier 1 workloads (2 apps + DB) from GCP to AWS
- Worked on cloud cost saving and saved \$230K monthly in GCP
- Improved operational excellence by adding runbooks, tweaking alerts
- Writing and reviewing code in Java using Vertx, PostgreSQL, Redis
- Mentoring junior/trainee developers with the project ramp-up

EXPEDIA | SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT ENGINEER III

Jan 2019 - Dec 2022 | Bengaluru, IND

- Building next-generation APIs which will enable EG to scale and progress
- Responsible for design, implementation, testing, monitoring and ops
- Led design, use-case discussions to get buy-in(or feedback) from teams
- Promoted to **SDE III for meaningful and impact contributions** in Apr 2021
- Worked on ML-driven, temp closures (covid related) customer facing features
- ScyllaDb migration to save cloud and licensing cost(est. \$2.7M annually)
- Re-architected the legacy systems and migration to the Expedia Group platform
- Promoted to **SDE II for impactful contributions** in Aug 2020
- Improved latency from p95 1 sec to 500 ms with peak traffic of 2.5K TPS
- AWS Cloud migration for components (pipelines, services)
- Built data pipelines using Spring-kafka, Avro schema
- Joined as an Associate SDE in Jan 2019, later on promoted to SDE I
- Backend developer wrote and reviewed code in Java/Kotlin using Spring boot/mvc, AWS, k8s, gRPC, protobubf

QUOVANTIS | FULL-STACK SOFTWARE DEVELOPER

Nov 2017 - Jan 2019 | Noida, IND

- Working on Vatica Health a US based Healthcare SaaS product
- Design, develop and testing software as per product requirements
- Wrote and reviewed code using C#, .NET framework, Angular
- Mentoring junior/trainee developers with the project ramp-up

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Spot award for impactful contributions Delivery Hero 2022
- Spot award for exceptional meaningful contributions Expedia Group 2020
- Recognized as an OSS contributor Expedia Group, Hotels.com 2019
- Rewarded T-Shirt(s) for **open-source** contributions Expedia Group 2019
- Runner up at Hotels.com Global Hackathon(37 teams across the globe) 2019
- Got invited to F8 in SanJose, California, USA Facebook 2019
- Won 2 Alexa Echo Dot and a Limited Edition Alexa T-shirt Amazon 2018

POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

- Covid-support warrior, volunteer during covid second wave at Expedia 2021
- Mentor, mentored students for career development at Fb Dev Circle: Delhi 2018
- Speaker, gave a talk on Alexa Skill Development at Fb Dev Circle: Delhi, NCR 2018
- Judge, for Spin-a-Hack, MakeAPP competition in Sankalan Tech Fest DUCS 2018