

# SHALON FERNANDO

## SOFTWARE ENGINEER INTERN

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### PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Self-driven Software Engineering undergraduate with a rare dual-specialization in **enterprise systems (Java, Spring Boot) and AI/ML (Python, RAG)**. Proven ability to lead in high-pressure environments, securing top-3 finishes in major hackathons. Currently applying skills as a **Software Engineer Intern at Zenvora**, architecting and integrating AI services with enterprise-grade Java applications.

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### TECHNICAL SKILLS

**Languages:** Java, Python, JavaScript/TypeScript, SQL, C++

**Backend:** Spring Boot, Node.js, Express.js, Flask, Spring Security, RESTful APIs

**Frontend:** React, Next.js (App Router), React Native (Expo), Tailwind CSS, Three.js

**AI/ML:** Hugging Face Transformers, LangChain, RAG, OpenAI Whisper, Gemini API, FAISS

**Databases:** MySQL, MongoDB, PostgreSQL, Firebase Firestore

**Cloud & DevOps:** Docker, GitHub Actions (CI/CD), Vercel, Render, AWS, n8n

**Testing & Tools:** JUnit 5, Mockito, JaCoCo, Postman, Agile/Scrum, Jira, Git

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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### Fullstack Software Engineer – Intern Zenvora Technologies Pvt. Ltd. | Remote | Oct 2025 - Present

- Tasked with architecting the core AI/ML summarization engine for an automated document filtering system for a major banking client (DFCC Bank).
- Conducted a comprehensive case study on AI-driven mandate processing; presented the full technical architecture and NLP pipeline strategy (RAG/Transformers) directly to the CTO.
- Currently developing the Python-based AI service (Hugging Face) for integration with the main Java Spring Boot application.

#### Software & Digital Transformation Engineer(Part-time) - Cookie Love | Nov 2025 – Present | Hybrid

- Building a staff-focused order-management mobile app to prevent missed orders and improve kitchen workflow.
- Developing the Cookie Love website to support digital menus and upcoming online ordering features.
- Digitizing daily order tracking and inventory records to replace paper-based processes.
- Laying the groundwork for future POS integration and analytics-driven operational improvements.
- Overseeing Instagram, TikTok, Facebook, and LinkedIn brand strategy & growth.
- Planning + executing the brand's rebranding & digital marketing campaigns.

#### Global Youth Ambassador (GYA) - Theirworld | Nov 2025 – Present

- Advocate for global access to education, supporting Theirworld's mission to empower young changemakers.
- Participate in campaigns, global events, and policy-awareness initiatives to expand education rights worldwide.

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### PROJECTS

#### LegalAid AI - AI-Powered Legal Assistant | [Live Demo](#) | [GitHub](#)

Architecting a multimodal legal assistant using a **Next.js** (TypeScript) frontend and a **FastAPI** (Python) backend. Designed to answer legal queries via a web UI and WhatsApp, integrating an **OpenAI Whisper model** for voice-to-text transcription. Implements a RAG pipeline (LangChain, FAISS) for document retrieval and an **n8n workflow** automation engine for scheduling tasks.

#### Hotello - Full-Stack Hotel Booking Platform | [Live Demo](#) | [GitHub](#)

Architected and deployed a full-stack hotel booking web app using the **MERN stack** (MongoDB, Express, React, Node.js) with **Vercel** for the frontend and **Render** for the backend. Engineered the complete user lifecycle, implementing secure, token-based authentication for Admin and user management using **Clerk**, **Stripe** payments. Built a comprehensive backend with **GitHub Actions for CI/CD**, and full API test suites in Postman.

#### MediWay – Hospital Management System | [Live Demo](#) | [GitHub](#)

Developed a full-stack hospital platform with a **Spring Boot** backend, achieving **82% test coverage** across 484 unit and integration tests (JUnit 5, Mockito, JaCoCo). Engineered a scalable enterprise architecture, integrating Docker, PayPal API for payments, and **GitHub Actions (CI/CD)** for a complete development-to-deployment workflow.

#### National AI-Optimized Disaster Platform for Sri Lanka | [GitHub](#)

**(1st Runner-up, Codefest 2025)** Led a team to build a dual-platform (React Native & React) disaster response system. Designed a citizen-facing React Native app for SOS alerts and an AI Safety Assistant, and a government web dashboard (React) for live monitoring and resource allocation.

#### PDF Chat AI - RAG-based Document Assistant | [GitHub](#)

Built a web app to interact with PDFs using natural language, implementing a complete **Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG)** pipeline from scratch. Utilized **Hugging Face** models for embeddings and answer generation, with a **FAISS** vector store for fast semantic search over document chunks.

## HACKATHONS & LEADERSHIP

- **Winner – MS Club Mini Hackathon** - Secured 1st place after advancing through the engineering prototype round, delivering an innovative and well-executed solution in the final stage. - [Certificate](#)
- **Team Lead – 1st Runner Up, ReviveNation Hackathon (Codefest 2025, SLIIT)** – Led a team to design and develop an innovative AI-driven disaster management solution under tight deadlines - [Certificate](#)
- **2nd Runner Up | IntelliCon'25 hackathon | AIESEC in SLIIT** - Awarded 2nd Runner Up for developing a legal aid AI application that delivered an innovative solution to a complex problem. - [Certificate](#)
- **Finalist, VibeFlow AI Hackathon** by STEM LINK – prototyped edtech web app with documentation in 6h - [Certificate](#)
- **Shortlisted for Final Round – HackX 10.0 | IdeaX 2025 – (Ongoing)** - Currently competing in the final stage after initial selection among top teams for innovation pitch. - [Certificate](#)

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## EDUCATION

**B.Sc. (Hons) in Information Technology — Specializing in Software Engineering** Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology (SLIIT) | (Expected Graduation)

- **Dean's List Honoree** (Year 1, Semester 2) - [Certificate](#)
- **CGPA: 3.4**

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## CERTIFICATIONS

1. **Getting Started with AWS Cloud Essentials** — AWS/Skillbuilder.
2. **Agile Scrum Foundation** — Simplilearn (Issued Jul 2025) Credential ID: 8557338
3. **Hugging Face Projects** — Simplilearn (Issued Jul 2025) Credential ID: 8647177
4. **JavaScript Algorithms and Data Structures** — freeCodeCamp (Issued May 2025) Credential ID: fcc-62c83883-49b6-4a77-ad3b-10e101db8211-jaads
5. **MongoDB Data Modeling Path** — MongoDB (Issued Oct 2025) Credential ID: MDBganoz9dqjy
6. **Postman API Fundamentals Student Expert** — Postman (Issued Nov 2025) ID: 690a01291243d3353edbf0e9
7. **AI Driven Full-Stack Bootcamp** — STEMLINK (Issued NOV 2025) ID: cef164d3-7727-4022-babf-a6f7b6f4f31c

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