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# EDUCATION

### Georgia State University

Atlanta, GA

Doctor of Philosophy - Computer Science

Aug 2021 - Present

#### Vellore Institute of Technology

Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India

Bachelors in Technology - Electronics and Communications

Aug. 2016 - May 2020

# Technical Skills

Languages: C, C++, Java, Python, Javascript, Go, R, HTML/CSS, SQL, MATLAB

Frameworks: Django, Flask, CUDA C, Sikuli, Power BI, Tableau

Developer Tools: Git, Docker, Kubernetes, TravisCI, Jenkins, Google Cloud Platform, AWS, Azure, Mongo DB,

Raspberry Pi, Arduino, Azure IoT Hub, Redis Cache, MQTT, Wireshark

Libraries: Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib, Scikit-learn, scipy, tensorflow, Pytorch, JAX, Numba, OpenCV, GluonTS,

MxNet, Prophet, Celery

#### Experience

# Founding Engineer

July 2023 – Present

Revelio Communications Inc.

Atlanta, GA

- Building interactive Television experience with mobile phones. https://www.revelio.ai/
- Optimization of the encoding pipeline and achieved a speed-up of 100× using GPU optimizations.
- Developed a neural network-based multi-stage decoder for mobile phones, enhancing decodability by 60%.

#### Graduate Research Assistant

Aug 2021 – Present

Georgia State University

Atlanta, GA

- Joint sensing and communication using Optical Wireless and Neuromorphic Cameras
- Improving Imperceptibility of Flicker fusion based Encoding of Meta Information in Videos
- Data ingestion and visualization pipeline for multiple projects for asynchronous IoT communication.
- Prediction of micro-climate using Muon particle flux using ground-based fixed and mobile detectors.
- Underground radon flux data analytics and creating predictive time-series models for Radon Flux. http://tinyurl.com/radon-wsb2
- AI/ML in Network Traffic Classification
- LLM in Network Simulations.
- Data Agnostic Image Annotation using Optical Tags. https://slideslive.com/38971914

#### Data Science Intern

May 2022 – Aug 2022

American Family Insurance

Remote

- Worked on image segmentation models that aid for underwriting in home inspection.
- Optimized codebases by reducing size by 80% and implemented automated multi-GPU training.

# **DevOps Engineer**

Aug 2020 – Aug 2021

Tata Consultancy Services

Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India

- Improved forecasting accuracy by 25% using Time Series and ML models for a leading retailer in UK.
- Power BI dashboards and Power Apps for WMS team, achieving 100% visibility and 60% scanning accuracy.
- CI/CD pipelines for JDA WMS with Postgres SQL with Jenkins, reducing deployment time by 50%.

#### Research Intern

Dec 2019 - Jun 2020

Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India

Tata Consultancy Services

- Developed AR/VR app for clothing pattern detection using object detection.
- Created a PoseNet-based surveillance system.
- Built text-to-avatar interface using HapFacs4.0.

# NP\_Complete\_Solver\_LLM | Python, Flask, OR-Tools, OpenAI GPT-4

02/14/2025

- Developed an iterative solver that leverages GPT-4 and OR-Tools to address NP-complete problems
- Implemented a chain-of-thought prompting mechanism with an agentic feedback loop to iteratively refine solutions with optimal results.
- Project available at: https://github.com/abbaasalif/NP-complete-solver-LLM

#### freematch-improved | Python, PyTorch

04/23/2024

- Improved the FreeMatch self-adaptive thresholding technique for semi-supervised learning.
- Reproduced and validated experiments from the original paper, enhancing the implementation with custom modifications.
- Documented the modifications and provided a step-by-step guide for replicating the results.
- Project available at: https://github.com/abbaasalif/freematch-improved

#### **hAIrmony** | Python, Image segmentation, DALL-E 2

11/19/2023

- A real-time AI based hair style recommendation system.
- We integrated a hair segmentation model using roboflow API.
- Then we use the DALL-E 2's inpainting to create descriptive prompts to suggest the user how a particular hairstyle will look on them.
- Project available at: https://github.com/abbaasalif/hAIrmony

#### Faces generation using Generative Adversarial Networks | Python, Tensorflow, DCGAN

07/20/2022

- This project is about gerneation of human faces using adversarial networks.
- Implemented a DCGAN using Wassertain GAN loss function.
- Added improvements like regularization, training with adam and other GAN hacks to prevent weight explosion and stabilize training.
- Project available at: https://github.com/abbaasalif/gans\_task\_faces

#### $YOLO\_custom \mid Python, TensorFlow, OpenCV$

12/05/2020

- Trained a custom YOLO model for ambulance detection using web-scraped and self-annotated images.
- Fine-tuned the model for improved accuracy and performance on specific detection tasks.
- Provided detailed documentation and code for training and evaluating the model.
- Attempting to create a pytorch version of YOLO models from cfg files of darknet.
- Project available at: https://github.com/abbaasalif/YOLO\_custom

### vanilla\_policy\_gradients | Python, TensorFlow, OpenAI Gym

03/01/2021

- Implemented vanilla policy gradients using TensorFlow 1 API and OpenAI Gym Cartpole.
- Demonstrated foundational understanding of reinforcement learning algorithms and practical implementation.
- Included detailed code and explanations for the reinforcement learning process and results.
- Project available at: https://github.com/abbaasalif/vanilla\_policy\_gradients

#### $\mathbf{q}$ \_learning | Python, NumPy

02/20/2021

- Developed a Q-learning algorithm to optimize warehouse flows.
- Applied reinforcement learning techniques to real-world logistics problems of managing warehouse flows as a graph representation.
- Provided detailed documentation and code for replicating the optimization process.
- Project available at: https://github.com/abbaasalif/q\_learning

#### cost\_minimization\_Deep\_Q\_learning | Python, TensorFlow, Keras

02/25/2021

- Used deep Q-learning to minimize cooling energy consumption.
- Applied ML to optimize energy efficiency, showcasing practical and impactful applications.
- Provided comprehensive documentation and code for implementing the deep Q-learning algorithm.
- Project available at: https://github.com/abbaasalif/cost\_minimization\_Deep\_Q\_learning

# $\textbf{Generative\_adversarial\_networks\_tf1} \mid \textit{Python}, \; \textit{TensorFlow}$

03/03/2021

- Implemented GANs using TensorFlow for tasks such as image generation.
- Showcased advanced neural network architectures and their applications in data augmentation and generation.

- Provided detailed documentation and examples for training and evaluating GANs.
- Project available at: https://github.com/abbaasalif/Generative\_adversarial\_networks\_tf1

#### **Transformers for Translation** | Python, Tensorflow, Keras, Numpy

02/02/2021

- Developed a Transformer-based model for machine translation, showcasing a practical implementation of the "Attention Is All You Need" architecture from scratch in Tensorflow and Keras.
- Demonstrated the model's effectiveness in translating languages through Jupyter Notebooks, providing a hands-on learning experience. The data is taken from open source French to English translation and also demonstrated how to remove stop words from a large corpus.
- Contributed to the open-source community by sharing a simplified version of the Transformer model, enabling enthusiasts and researchers to explore and understand deep learning translation techniques. https://github.com/abbaasalif/transformers\_for\_translation

# Publications - Conference Papers

# Toward modeling underground soil radon gas emanation

Accepted at IEEE SouthEastCon 2024, Presented at GSU Research Conference 2023

### A Framework for Classifying Applications from Raw Network Traffic Traces

Accepted at IEEE SouthEastCon 2024, Best Student Paper Award at IEEE SoutEastCon, Presented at GSU Research Conference 2023

# Revelio: A Real-World Screen-Camera Communication System with Visually Imperceptible Data Embedding

Accepted at IEEE ICASSP 2025, Oral presentation third position at GSU Graduate Research Conference

# Text2Net: Transforming Plain-text To A Dynamic Interactive Network Simulation Environment

Accepted at IEEE SouthEastCon 2025

# Backscatter Optical Wireless Communication using Neuromorphic Cameras

Accepted at ACM EWSN 2025

#### Posters, Workshop papers and demos

# Workshop: DeLiDAR: Decoupling LiDARs for Pervasive Spatial Computing

Proceedings of EWSN 2024 Workshop

#### Poster: Joint Optical Wireless Communication and Sensing using Neuromorphic Cameras

Best Poster Award 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Proceedings of ACM/IEEE CPS IoT Week (IPSN)

#### Poster: Text2Net: Transforming Plain Text into Dynamic, Interactive Network Simulations

Proceedings of ACM/IEEE CPS IoT Week (IPSN)

# Talk:Monitoring Solar Effect with CubeSats on Cosmic Ray Flux Variation at Sea Levels

Proceedings of Cubesat Developers Workshop 2023

# Poster: Field-to-Cloud IoT System using GSU ARCTIC Virtual Machines

Proceedings of Scientific Computing Day 2023

#### Poster: OpenRadon Lab: Democratizing Soil Radon Modeling and Mapping

Proceedings of ACM MobiSys 2022, Scientific Computing Day 2022, AARST Symposium 2022

# Workshop: Data Agnostic Image Annotations

Proceedings of NeurIPS DCAI 2021

#### PATENTS

# MACHINE LEARNING BASED SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING RESIDUAL ARTIFACTS IN MEDIA CONTENTS TO OPTIMIZE USER EXPERIENCE IN REAL-TIME SCREEN-TO-CAMERA COMMUNICATION ENVIRONMENT

United States Patent Application 20250030811

#### Volunteering

# President - IEEE@GSU Student Chapter

6/15/2024 - Present

- Organized IdEE Eathon 2024 - an ideathon event in collaboration with IEEE Atlanta Section, IEEE Young Professionals
- Raspberry Pi Workshop Conducted an workshop on Raspberry Pi in collaboration with Girls Who Code @ GSU.