# Rohan Asokan

# **EDUCATION**

# **B.Tech in Computer Science and Engineering (Hons.)**

Hyderabad, India | May 2023

International Institute of Information Technology

Cumulative GPA: 8.51 Semester GPA: 9.82

**Coursework:** Statistical Methods in AI, Digital Image Processing, Machine Learning, Linear Algebra, Probability and Statistics, Data Structures and Algorithms, Computer programming, Database and Systems, Computer Graphics

# **EXPERIENCE**

#### CVIT@ IIITH | UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOW

Hyderabad, India | May 2021 - Present

- Working under Prof. PJ Narayanan, researching the area of computer graphics, which includes topics such as NERF, inverse rendering, View Synthesis, Implicit Scene Representation and others.
- Innovating solutions to problems and testing them using **Compute Clusters**.

#### PICSNIFF | FULLSTACK FREELANCE - MACHINE LEARNING

Remote | Aug 2021 - Present

- Construction and management of software architecture, using **SDLC Principles**, while leading a team of two.
- Developing an AI-enabled smart photograph culling desktop application, that runs on low-end hardware, with the ability to be user-specific.
- Building an **Electron.js** frontend with **Flask** backend. **OpenCV** for image processing, **PyTorch** for machine learning.

# **PROJECTS**

#### HAND-WRITTEN DIGIT CLASSIFIER LIVE DEMO

TENSORFLOW-JS, TENSORFLOW, PYTHON, HTML, JS

MODEL ACCURACY: 99.74%

- Trained different **light-weight**, **high-accuracy** neural networks with convolution layers on the **MNIST** data set and implemented the best performing model as an **in-browser digit** classifier demo.
- The final model uses a standard **dual convolution architecture** and **batch normalization** over the weights.
- Data augmentation was skipped in view of the already high accuracy achieved.

#### PANDAS DATA-PROCESSING OPTIMIZATION

Python

- Optimized data pre-processing and **feature extraction** for a **large tabular**, **time-series** data set.
- Over **20 time-series features** were calculated and handled efficiently using different data structures.
- Compared to a simple optimization of using numpy, I was able to achieve a **36x speedup** when using custom **Numba kernels**, dropping the times from **18 minutes** for complete processing to just **27 seconds**.

#### NEURAL CELLULAR AUTOMATA - IMAGE RECONSTRUCTION

PYTHON, PYTORCH

LPIPS Score: 0.009 SSIM Score: 0.754

- Implemented a method proposed in the publication Growing Neural Cellular Automata
- The model represents a differentiable update rule for the cellular automata that is represented by image pixels, which gives the image the ability to be self-healing, and can regenerate the whole image from a single pixel.

### THE COMPLETE POKÉMON DATASET

**PYTHON** 

- A dataset of images and corresponding names of around 898 Pokémons.
- Images were scraped from Pokedex based on URL route formatting and the corresponding names were acquired from the PokeAPI using a python script.
- The dataset has been made public on Kaggle here for easier access for the machine learning community, and has around 200 downloads.

#### SKILLS

Languages: Python, C/C++, JavaScript, HTML ML Frameworks: PyTorch, Tensorflow, Tensorflow-js Data Handling and Optimization: Matplotlib, Numba

Numpy, Pandas, SQL, CUDA

**ACHIEVEMENTS** 

KDE Akademy '21 Speaker Top 3 CTF'er in college TEDxYouth Speaker 99th percentile in SAT

Participated in Adobe Analytics Challenge '20