Faiz Ansari





EXPERIENCE

Software Engineer, Cloud > Filmtools

Burbank, CA > 2022 - 2024

- Spearheaded development of a cloud-computation SaaS for low-latency access to high-performance GPU rendering; routed
 via REST API over Node.js stack for network-wide user identity and VM state management, fulfilling access reliably and securely
 at the scale of hundreds of concurrent users.
- Implemented infrastructure for TURN-protocol optimized WebRTC live streaming and adaptive bitrate allocation, delivering hi-res browser-based remote post-production editorial services.
- Led a workflow optimization effort through the deliverance of a vendor price-sheet interpreter driven by OpenAl's GPT-4 API, expediting data processing to a Flask-based interface for review and scheduling for submission to the NetsSuite database.

Platform Engineer > USC Sidney Harman Academy

Los Angeles, CA > 2021 - 2022

- Streamlined deployment of the Academy's 3D/VR collaboratories by establishing a GitHub Actions-based CI/CD pipeline and a multi-scene layered development workflow in the Unity engine.
- Extended content delivery and interactivity of USC's Scalar publishing platform via JavaScript API to meet the requirements of multidisciplinary articles of authored scholarship.
- Held office hours to provide consultation for custom feature integration to researchers publishing with Scalar.

Maya C++ Developer ➤ Pixerati

Los Angeles, CA > 2021

- Developed an Autodesk Maya SDK utility plugin to facilitate real-time procedural regeneration of mesh objects as a component to a proprietary compositing pipeline.
- Optimally serialized mesh vertices, UVs, and textures into USD for low-latency export and scene generation in Unreal Engine.

Pipeline Support Specialist > Bento Box Entertainment

Los Angeles, CA > 2019 - 2021

- Managed and troubleshooted distributed rendering queues and server architecture of productions in parallel including:
 Bob's Burgers (Fox), The Bob's Burgers Movie (Disney), Central Park (Apple), and The Prince (HBO)
- Provided technical support and guidance for Toon Boom Harmony, Storyboard Pro, ShotGrid, and the Adobe Creative Suite.
- Expediently transitioned the enterprise network to a secure, VPN-based remote workflow in the advent of COVID-19.

EDUCATION -

Master of Science in **Artificial Intelligence** > University of Southern California

2021 - On Hold

• Paused at 16/32 units. Took leave to pursue work prospects.

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science > California State University Northridge

2014 - 2018

PROJECTS -

Atari Breakout Q-Learning > Reinforcement Learning

2022

- Optimized a Markov Decision Process agent for training in TensorFlow to play and solve OpenAl Gym's Atari Breakout.
- Achieved game-winning reward values within 28 training episodes, logging iterations in Jupyter Notebook.

5×5 Go Minimax Agent > AI Game-Playing

2021

- Implemented a heuristic-led Alpha-Beta pruning algorithm to competitively play 5×5 Go versus intelligent opponents.
- Achieved 65% win-rate over competitive Alpha-Beta agents and 42% against Q-learning trained agents over 300 matches.

SKILLS -

Programming > C++, Python, JavaScript

Machine Learning > TensorFlow, OpenCV

DCC > USD, Maya, Unreal Engine, Unity, WebGL

Full-Stack > Node.js, Express.js, Socket.io, Flask, SQL, Redis
DevOps > GitHub Actions, Nginx, OAuth, AWS EC2, Lambda
Containerization > Docker, Kubernetes, libvirt, Proxmox, KVM