

## EDUCATION

**Masters of Computer Science**

Sept 2022 – June 2024

University of California San Diego (UCSD)

CGPA: 3.979/ 4

Relevant Courses: Deep Learning, Scalable ML Systems, Recommender Systems, Computer Vision, NLP – LLMs, Algorithms**Bachelor Of Engineering (Computer Engineering)**

August 2018 – July 2022

Vivekanand Education Society's Institute of Technology (VESIT)

CGPA: 9.013/ 10

Relevant Courses: Machine Learning, Software Development, Natural Language Processing, Cloud Compute, Big Data Analytics

## EXPERIENCE

**Software Engineer (Data and AI), Ujima S&P Lab, UCSD**

March 2023 – Present

- Building the AWS Cloud Infrastructure to host a Flask based LLM User Study on AWS Beanstalk with a Mongo DB storage system.
- Led 3 freshers through the Early Research Program in curating a database using LLMs, Clustering, and NER for HCI Research.
- Built a "Smart Mirror" on Raspberry Pi using the VGG-Face TF-Lite Model, trained on 100,000 images, to detect ethnicity, highlight the existing biases in CV datasets, and contribute to the public domain via user feedback.

**Cloud Cyber Security & Data Analyst Intern, Legendary Entertainment**

June 2023 – Dec 2023

- Created a Python script automating data flow to generate dashboards, reducing time taken by the SOC analyst from 80 minutes to about 4 minutes daily in classifying user-anomaly events by integrating Splunk, Active Directory, and Azure MSGraphs APIs.
- Maintained a high level of security while streamlining users' authentication process by integrating a FIDO Alliance product into the existing SAML/OIDC SSO workflow.
- Assisted the VP of security in laying the foundation of a next-gen universal anomaly and user-behavior detection platform based on integrating LLMs with existing cloud brokers in collaboration with Sky High Security by building a prototype in Splunk.

**Full Stack Development Intern, Makos Infotech (Startup)**

June 2021 – August 2021

- Integrated, developed, and hosted backend code using JQuery, PHP, and MySQL for an early startup targeting the automation of the On-campus placement process using Agile & Scrum Methodologies.
- Maintained and optimized relational database storage using MySQL workbench and deployed it on AWS RDS to develop a college-student-company social network inspired by Facebook's friend system.
- Established and managed a mentorship-onboarding program for new interns, aligning them with the existing codebase and design choices using UML, saving the company at least 1 week of time and effort on knowledge transfer.

**Undergraduate Research Assistant, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR)**

June 2021 – May 2022

- Led a team of 4 to develop an Android Java application that monitors a selected directory and uses multi-part upload methodologies to encrypt and securely upload to a dedicated private remote server.
- Published a [paper](#) explaining our Node JS based Fault Tolerant client server architecture connected to remote stations.
- Utilized GCP's Maps and Sheets API to design a real time HTML/CSS based live Geo tracking website from the collected data.

**Data Analyst Intern, Leadingindia.ai**

May 2020 – July 2020

- Collaborated with a team of four to develop a vaccine prediction model for H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccines, accurately predicting public acceptance trends (41%) for the COVID-19 vaccine, securing first place among 85 intercollege peer groups.
- Published a [research paper](#) in Springer & authored a [blog](#) highlighting the correlation between H1N1 and COVID-19 pandemics.

## PROJECTS

**[Alt Bot for Mastadon: An automatic image alt generation bot \(Presentation\)](#)**

Sep 2023 – Dec 2023

- ✓ Developed a REST-API based Chrome extension in JS to help visually impaired people browse decentralized social media feeds by leveraging hugging face image captioning models to generate alternative image descriptions and injecting them in HTML.
- ✓ Deployed 3 levels of custom cache system to ensure efficient performance with minimal lag complemented with testing scripts.

**[MedLM: Exploring Language Models for Medical QnA Systems \(Paper\)](#)**

March 2023 – Aug 2023

- ✓ Led a team of 4 to fine tuning language models (Bloom, T5, GPT-2) on the MedQuad Healthcare Doctor-Patient QnA dataset in collaboration with Microsoft researcher Dr. Asma Ben Abacha.
- ✓ Compared performance against GPT-3.5 and GPT-4 using Dynamic Prompting with Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG) via medical InstructOR Embeddings on the patient questions.
- ✓ Increased the ROUGE and BLEU scores by 10% using a Bert Classifier to give extra contextual awareness to the models.

**[Divya-Drishti: An Independent Aid for the Visually Impaired \(Paper\)](#)**

Aug 2020 – May 2021

- ✓ Achieved a 400% net cost reduction by creating a real-time Voice-activated AI IoT android application to help Visually Impaired People (VIPs) comparable to state-of-the-art OrCam in multimodal classification of currency, objects utilizing GCP's Vertex AI.
- ✓ Published a [research paper](#) highlighting the needs of VIPs, funded by the Mumbai University Minor Research Grant.

**[Automated Number Plate Recognition and Parking System](#)**

Dec 2019 – Feb 2020

- ✓ Built an Android Java based application connected to a Firebase server to automate security and space availability in car parking systems by monitoring the number plates detected at the entry and exit using Tesseract OCR and YoloV3.
- ✓ Containerized the software to ensure seamless deployment on existing CCTVs at parking lot gates, minimizing upfront costs.

## SELECTED CERTIFICATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

- AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner (CCP), Amazon Web Services, [Credly Link](#)- Machine Learning Based Prediction of H1N1 and Seasonal Flu Vaccination. Advanced Computing. IACC 2020. Springer. [DOI.org Link](#)**Skills:** Python, Node JS SQL, PyTorch, Pandas, HTML, CSS, Javascript, Java, C, Docker, Splunk, Linux, Git, AWS, GCP, Firebase