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EDUCATION

University of California, Davis (UC Davis)

Davis, California

Master of Science in Computer Science GPA: 3.9/4.0

Sept 2022 – Apr 2024

Indian Institute Of Technology Goa (IIT GOA)

Goa, India

Bachelor of Technology in Computer Science and Engineering GPA: 3.87/4.0

Aug 2017 - May 2021

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming Languages: Java, Python, C++, JavaScript, C#

Database and Web Development: React.js, Node.js, MongoDB, Express, Modal View Controller framework, HTML5,

Cascading Style Sheets (CSS), MySQL, jQuery, Spring framework, Postman, REST API's, .NET framework, Maven

Others: Linux, Git, Keras, PyTorch, Tensorflow, Signal processing, Machine learning, JIRA, Jenkins, Software Development

WORK EXPERIENCE

University Of California Davis Link 🖸

Davis, California

April 2023 – Present

- Graduate Student Researcher
- Leading ongoing research at Center For Mind And Brain as Machine Learning Researcher to develop a non-invasive multimodal silent speech interface (SSI) for patients with Dysarthria
- Implemented a supervised model to generate Hu-BERT speech units by decoding sEMG signals using CNN-RNN and attention based transformer model achieving a WER of 35%
- Working to incorporate multimodal strategy combining sEMG signals, audio, and video (lipreading) to reduce the phoneme confusions and improve WER

WOAS Technology Pvt. Ltd. (Wooger)

Bangalore, India

Associate Product Engineer

 $Jun\ 2021 - Apr\ 2022$

- Spearheaded a web-development team to design an interactive gallery using Spring MVC framework with a new feature of point annotation and commenting, improving customer engagement by 45%
- Designed new APIs and optimized existing ones to revamp Wooqer mobile app (Android and iOS) resulting in 25% reduction in critical response times
- Resolved multiple product-related errors tracked in **JIRA** through close collaboration with the Customer Success and Quality Assurance teams

Planful (Host Analytics)

Telangana, India

Software Developer Engineer - 1 Intern

June $2020 - Dec\ 2020$

- Designed a .NET console app in C# and MySQL to identify anomalies in financial data and assign quality scores, reducing prediction errors in financial planning models by 40%
- Collaborated with senior developers to debug code using **NUnit framework**, resolving **30+** pending issues on **JIRA** and documented code for future KT sessions

PROJECTS

Web platform for Indian Davis Community (IDC) Link 🗹

Nov 2023 - Present

- Leading a team of 4 in creating a **MERN-stack** web solution tailored for the Indian student community at UC Davis, focusing on roommate search, event management, and housing support.
- Architecting the platform with **React.js** and **CSS** (front-end), and **Node.js**, **MongoDB**, **Express** (back-end), ensuring a seamless user experience and robust data management.

Omdena real world AI Challenge Link

Nov 2021 - Jan 2022

- Led pre-processing team to develop a **U-Net** or **Convolutional Autoencoder** model to denoise driver's speech for voice assistant software.
- Enhanced speech intelligibility by integrating a language model, achieving a **0.33**% word error rate, and feeding the improved output to a **RASA**-based chatbot.

Feature Selection using deep learning (Btech Capstone Project) Link

Jan 2021 - May 2021

- Developed a **supervised** model for classifying High Dimension Low Sample Size (HDLSS) cancer data using mRNA-Seq gene expression values of patients with different molecular subtypes.
- Applied boosting, greedy feature selection, PCA, and Deep Neural Networks (DNN) to overcome the challenges of high variance and overfitting in HDLSS data, achieving an accuracy of approximately 90%.

AWARDS AND LEADERSHIP

- Awarded institute Bronze medal for second rank in CS department of IIT-GOA 2017 batch
- Served as a teaching assistant for Introduction to programming lab and led discussion sessions at UC Davis.