Nayaab Azim

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EDUCATION

Virginia Tech Blacksburg, VA

Master of Engineering in Computer Science, GPA: 3.8

Jan 2023 – Dec 2024

Coursework: Machine Learning, Database Management, Cloud Computing, System Design, Software Engineering

CV Raman Global University

Bhubaneswar, India

Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Engineering, GPA: 3.78

Aug 2017 - May 2021

WORK EXPERIENCE

Software Developer | *Etihad*

Aug 2021 - Dec 2022

The project involved developing applications to integrate systems by transferring and transforming various message types. I developed a new adapter for cabin baggage for the Etihad Airline & Abu Dhabi Airport , using IIB ACE and ESQL to transform incoming XML data into JSON format. Additionally, I implemented logic to store the JSON data in MySQL databases using inline queries, configured Jenkins pipelines to automate the test, build, and deployment processes, ensuring a seamless CI/CD workflow, and published it to respective consumers through a pub-sub messaging model. I worked within an Agile methodology, utilizing JIRA for ticket tracking and efficiently resolving issues during sprint cycles.

Graduate Research Assistant | Virginia Tech Transport Institute

Aug 2024 - Present

- The project focuses on developing an **AI-integrated** Autonomous Driving Truck to advance autonomous vehicle technology. I am creating simulations for a **Remote Driver** and **Remote Assistant**, enabling seamless testing and operational control.
- Designed and rigged a high-fidelity truck model in Blender and integrated it into Unreal Engine 5.4.4.
- Configured the **vehicle physics** in Unreal Engine using C++ & **Blueprint** to make the truck drivable for participant testing.
- Imported driving environments using **Roadrunner plugins** and imported them into Unreal Engine
- Integrated Vive Focus 3 headset to enable remote truck operation and would utilize MATLAB for data analysis.

Full Stack Java Intern | Cognizant

Apr 2021 - Aug 2021

- Trained in Java, Spring Boot, and Spring Hibernate to gain expertise in full-stack web development.
- **Developed a book-selling e-commerce website** during the internship, implementing functionality using Java and Spring Boot and managing data storage with **JDBC**. Learned to structure **Maven** projects and implemented logic using **JSP**, **Servlets**, **multithreading**, **RESTful APIs**, **JDBC**, and **Spring Hibernate**.
- Trained in **Docker** to understand containerization for deploying web applications as part of a **microservices architecture**.

Machine Learning Intern | *Tata Steel*

May 2018 – Aug 2018

- Developed a machine learning based solution for quality inspection of steel sheets in the coating department.
- Used TensorFlow, OpenCV, and Keras for implementing image processing techniques to detect surface defects.
- Automated defect detection, categorizing steel sheets as Defects or No Defects, reducing manual inspection efforts.

RESEARCH | Expected publication: December 2024

This research focuses on developing a mobile app (Android/iOS) to address social isolation among older adults.

- Co-developing a cross-platform mobile app using **React Native Expo.**
- Built a backend with **Typescript**, **Express**, **Prisma** & **MongoDB**, using **Redis** for caching and **GraphQL** for data queries.
- Integrated Socket.IO for real-time messaging, AWS S3 to store any files & CloudFront to access the files in S3.
- Utilizing **FlatList** for **lazy loading**, **pagination** to split the message data for efficiency, and **JWT** for login.
- As part of next steps, incorporating NLP with TensorFlow and Hugging Face for advanced search and recommendation.

SKILLS

Languages: Java, Python, C++, SQL, NO SQL, JavaScript, TypeScript, Linux, HTML, ESQL

Frameworks: React, Angular, Express, Spring Boot, GraphQL

Tools: GitLab, Blender, Tableau, D3.js, Plotly, MATLAB, Jira, Redis, Docker desktop Frameworks & Libraries: TensorFlow, Keras, Mediapipe, Scikit-learn, NumPy, pandas, Matplotlib, Socket.IO