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WORK EXPERIENCE

• Nexthop AI

Software Engineer

Bengaluru, KA, IND

Jan 2025 - Present

◦ SONiC OS Platform Development:

- * Working on **SONiC OS** platform development, focusing on config management, CLI enhancements, **Yang modeling**, and **Dynamic Load Balancing** feature implementation.
- * Developed an internal **Slack notification service** for distributed test engine runs, enabling per-user test schedule tracking with real-time updates.
- * Designed database schema with **in-memory caching** for performance optimization and implemented **data retention policies** with automated cron jobs for storage management.

• Cisco Systems - Data Center AI Networking

Software Engineer II

Bengaluru, KA, IND

Aug 2023 - Dec 2024

◦ Layer 2 Feature Manager / VxLAN:

- * Designed and developed **Ethernet Segment Identifier (ESI)** feature integrations with 2-way and 4-way multi-homing into packet forwarding components.
- * Contributed to **Broadcom ASIC SDK upgrade** by triaging and fixing post-upgrade defects across L2 components.
- * Built an **AI agent-based MCP server** for accelerated debugging of configurations on local development testbeds, improving feature development velocity.
- * Implemented end-to-end data ingestion pipeline using **ELK stack and Kafka** for multi-service log visualization and discrepancy detection.
- * Designed and developed a dashboard to enable debugging insights for Developer UT setups, integrating **pyATS testing** with topology loads.
- * Conceptualized and implemented a new schema in **Python** to output Hardware-Software consistency checks for Storm Control to fast-track debugging.
- * Architected higher-scale Layer 2 mac-learning template with stakeholder buy-in, achieving **2x scale improvements** in MAC address learning capacity.
- * Developed a service to maintain binary records of MAC address event histories in hardware drivers using **low-priority threads** for scale handling.
- * Achieved **20% improvement** in mac-learn rates (20 seconds at scale) and **50% optimization** in out-of-memory log collection (1M+ lines optimized).

• Cisco Systems - Data Center Switching

Software Engineering Intern

Bengaluru, KA, IND

May - Jul 2022 & Jan - Jun 2023

◦ Layer 2 Feature Manager:

- * Migrated tech-support components from single-threaded to **multi-threaded architecture**, reducing execution and log-collection time by **50%**.
- * Designed and developed an internal tool to clean up event-based logs by sorting based on timestamps and grouping by VLANs.

PROJECTS

• Gait Analysis:

- Design Project under Prof. Tanmay Verlekar, BITS Pilani Goa. Developed a deep-learning model using **OpenPose** to classify gait sequences into five categories, achieving **89% accuracy** for preliminary gait deformity identification.

• Speech Programmer:

- Open-source contributor to text-to-C-code web application. Implemented complex parsing for TextToSpeech output commands (functions, loops, variables) — an exercise in **accessibility awareness** in the open-source community.

SKILLS

• Technologies:

SONiC OS, Distributed Systems, VxLAN Architecture, Packet Forwarding, Yang Modeling

• Tools:

Kafka, ElasticSearch, Logstash, Kibana, Postgres, Linux, Git, pyATS

• Languages:

C, C++, Python, Shell Scripting, L^AT_EX

EDUCATION

• BITS Pilani

Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Science; CGPA: 8.71/10

Sancoale, Goa, IND

Aug. 2019 – Jun. 2023