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## ABOUT ME

A proficient programmer with knowledge in Machine Learning - Deep Learning, Data Science, and Computer Vision.

**Languages:** Python, Java, C

I share efficient teamwork skills, speaking and presentation along with a dedicated share of interest in leadership and management.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Machine Learning Engineer (Jr.)

*Wiseyak Inc.* [ Sep 2022 – Current ]

City: Kathmandu

Country: Nepal

1. **CNN-Transformer Hybrid Network** can combine the strengths of both CNNs and transformers and has not only spatial but temporal information
  - a. **Pixel-wise Semantic Segmentation:** The CNN-Transformer hybrid network has the potential to achieve state-of-the-art performance on this task.
  - b. **Handling corrupted frames in hindsight:** The model could be used to identify and repair corrupted frames, which would improve the accuracy of downstream tasks such as semantic segmentation.
  - c. **Future frames prediction:** Can be used to predict future frames in a video sequence, which could be used to anticipate events and make better decisions.
2. **Plant Disease Detection**
  - a. **Research and Development of a CNN model:** As it requires a deep understanding of both computer vision and plant diseases. Discussion with experts on plant diseases and using state of the art CNN models to achieve this task.
  - b. **Data available in Nepal:** Using the data of Nepal to train the model to train on a **Domain Adversarial** setup, ensuring that the model is able to accurately diagnose plant diseases in Nepali crops.
3. **Diagnosis System on Chest X Ray Images**
  - a. **Multi-label classification system model:** A complex task, which requires the model to be able to identify multiple different findings and diseases in a single chest X-ray image.
  - b. **GradCAM visualization system:** A valuable tool, which allows users (radiologists) to see which regions of an image are most important for the model's findings. It shows the regions where a finding is most prevalent in the radiographic image.
  - c. **Very large image dataset:** Handling a very challenging dataset to work with, as it is very large, most Chest X Ray findings are hard to catch and has multiple labels per image which causes problems like "class-imbalance". Handling it effectively and iteratively improving the quality and performance of the model.

### Machine Learning Intern

*Namespace.jp / Chulo Solutions* [ May 2022 – Aug 2022 ]

City: Lalitpur

Country: Nepal

- Worked with visualizations (2D and 3D) including and performing different statistical modeling tricks in given data in Numpy, Matplotlib, Seaborn and Pandas.
- Learned CSV to Database (SQL) implementation.
- Performing PCA, Eigen Interpretation and Transformation, VC dimension-analysis, etc. with practical implementation.
- Built an object detection model using pytorch from scratch referencing from different versions of YOLO V1, V2 and V3; used in waste management system.
- Implemented multiple deep learning topics like Artificial Neural Network, Convolutional Neural Network, SVMs from scratch with in depth mathematical understanding.

**Leader at Herald UI Visuals Community**  
**Herald College Kathmandu**

City: Kathmandu

Country: Nepal

Engaged in team collaboration, project planning, and formulation of community. This experience has been playing an evident role in polishing my interpersonal skills, research, planning and modeling.

- Key role in planning and organizing the Highest Altitude Hackathon 2023 (ongoing)

## **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

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**BSc. (Hons) Computer Science**  
**Herald College Kathmandu**

Address: Naxal, Kathmandu,

Field(s) of study: Computer Science

Final grade: First Class Honors – Level in EQF: EQF level 6

- Student Academic Representative 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. (2 Years)
- Hult Prize 2021 On Campus Winner
- Given multiple sessions on Machine Learning algorithms and concepts in different classes
- Market Sensei 2022 Winner
- Research Head at Herald DevCorps UI Visuals Community
- Leader at Herald DevCorps Biz Core Community
- Leader at Herald DevCorps Creators Community

**Higher Secondary**  
**Uniglobe College**

Field(s) of study: Mathematics and Computer Science

Final grade: 3.29

- IT Club President
- High School Hackathon-2018 winner (android application development)
- High School Hackathon-2019 organizer
- Organized and participated in different events related to computer science and robotics throughout 2 years of high school

**Secondary Level Education**  
**The New Summit School**

Final grade: 3.55

- School CCA Captain
- Student of the Year : 2015-2016

## **PROJECTS**

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**CNN-Transformer Based Network for video Processing**

[ Current ]

Supervised by: [Prof. Suresh Manandhar](#), [Mr. Suraj Prasai](#)

Developing a deep learning model which uses transformers to process sequence of image frames in a video, which can be applied in multi-task video processing like: De-Blurring video frames, Handling Frame Breakages, Tracking Objects etc.

**Detecting Different Findings and Diseases in Chest X Ray Images.**

Supervised by: [Mr. Suraj Prasai](#)

The system incorporates a powerful multi-label classification model that can accurately identify various findings and diseases in a single image. Additionally, I have implemented a sophisticated GradCAM visualization system, allowing radiologists to pinpoint the regions where findings are most prevalent. Handling a large image dataset with multiple labels per image and addressing class imbalance challenges has been a focal point of my work. Through iterative improvements, I have enhanced the system's performance and achieved remarkable diagnostic capabilities.

## Plant Disease Detection and Diagnosis

Supervised by: [Prof. Suresh Manandhar](#)

1. Creating a comprehensive knowledge graph of tomato and its different diseases, including the causes and symptoms of each disease.
2. Using this knowledge graph, I am developing a CNN-Transformer model that can accurately diagnose a plant's disease and provide feedback to farmers.
3. The goal of this project is to provide farmers with a reliable and efficient tool for diagnosing tomato plant diseases, which can help to improve crop yields and reduce losses due to disease.

### Other Sample Machine Learning Projects Including:

- Music Genre Prediction
- Object Detection System using Different Architectures of YOLO
- CNN based Image Super-Resolution System
- Optimization Methods from scratch
- Support Vector Machines
- PCAs and Dimensionality Reduction using Eigen Decomposition and SVD
- Movies Recommendation System using Spark
- [and much more here.](#)

## ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS

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### Skills that come in handy:

- Excellent Public Speaking Skills
  - Presentation Skills
  - Communication
  - Brainstorming and Critical Thinking
  - Planning and Decision Making
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