

# Shashank Prakash

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## Education

**Master of Science in Computer Science, Artificial Intelligence**  
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

**May 2025**  
**4.0/4.0**

**Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Science and Engineering**  
Ramaiah Institute Of Technology, Bangalore, India

**Jun 2023**  
**9.49/10**

## Skills

- **Machine/Deep Learning:** Tensorflow, PyTorch, NLP, TorchVision, Onnx
- **Data Science:** SciKit Learn, Numpy, Pandas, XGBoost, BeautifulSoup
- **AWS:** EC2, S3, DynamoDB, Lambda
- **Web Development:** Golang, React, Flask, HTML, CSS

**Languages:** Python, C++, Java, C, Go  
**Databases:** SQL, PostgreSQL, Neo4J

**3D Rendering:** Unity 3D, ISAAC SIM

## Professional Experience

### Sentiment Analysis Service in Go

*May 2023 - Aug 2023*

- Develop a sentiment analysis service using Go, leveraging AWS Lambda for serverless computation and Amazon Comprehend for natural language processing.
- Use DynamoDB to store text inputs and sentiment results, with API Gateway to expose the service as HTTP endpoints.
- Implement CloudWatch for logging and monitoring to ensure efficient performance tracking and debugging.

### Mesh2Splat: Deep Learning method to convert Meshes to Gaussian Splats @ USC, LA

*Aug 23-Jan 24*

- Converting 3D shape representations like meshes and point clouds into graphics-ready gaussian splats which can enable efficient rendering and differentiable computations.
- Designed Mesh2Splat, an end-to-end framework for consolidating meshes or point clouds into gaussian splat predictions suitable for real-time rendering.
- Developed Objaverse-Splats, the first dataset of graphics shapes paired with high-quality gaussian splat representations.

### Marker-Less Pose Estimation and Localization of Robots with Camera Feed @ IISc, Bengaluru

*Jan 23-July 23*

- Generated a high fidelity synthetic image dataset of the robot from its CAD model with ISAAC Sim and UNITY 3D, at **Indian Institute of Science**. Facing lack of suitable images with sufficient variations for model training generated synthetic images.
- Replaced real-world data and trained a YOLO based keypoint detection model thereafter used for markerless pose estimation and localization of the bot in an indoor environment.
- Integrated the model along with the custom built navigation and path correction stack into the Robotic Operating System.

### Cloud Based Application for Early Detection of Oral Cancer

*Jan 2023- June 2023*

- Designed a Deep Learning Application for Early Detection of Oral Squamous Cell Carcinoma, at **Ramaiah University of Applied Science**, from Whole Slide Images deployed on Amazon Cloud to aid pathologists.
- Utilized a YOLOv8 based model to detect structural and cytological features which serve as an indicator to the severity of the cancerous growth.

### Machine Learning Intern @ Hewlett Packard Enterprise, Chennai, India

*Sep 2021-Aug 2022*

- Led a 5 person team to design and deploy a React, Flask and PostgreSQL based webapp to provide data center security using Deep Learning to identify tailgating, server rack position and track the status of critical servers.
- Reduced the intrusion detection turn around time from an 8 hour time period to 22 minutes.
- Localize employee location in video frame allowing to monitor employee actions in server rooms.

### Research Intern @ Hindustan Aeronautical Limited, Bangalore, India

*Sep 2021-Oct 2021*

- Implemented a C++ based tool to analyze and consolidate SAR images for post flight analysis.
- Developed a tool that takes in small patches of radar data, stitches and generates large reconnaissance maps.
- Validated the tool with on-site testing utilizing data obtained from a SAR mounted on an IAF plane reducing the analysis time to 30 minutes.

## Publications

- [Quantum Computing - The Next Big Leap in the World of Computation](#)

*June 2023*

The International Conference on Electronics, Computing and Communication Technologies 2023

- Quantum computing based solutions for Classification and Combinatorial problems using Qiskit and IBM Quantum. Achieved an exponential speedup utilizing the quantum algorithm over the existing classical solutions.