

# Vishak Bharadwaj

Machine Learning Engineer III

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## PROFILE

Machine learning engineer with 6+ years building end-to-end ML systems — from deep learning research to production monitoring and MLOps pipelines. Experienced in model explainability, deployment, and drift monitoring at scale. Strong foundations in computer vision, NLP, and quantitative modelling.

## EXPERIENCE

### Machine Learning Engineer II → III

Jun 2022 — Present

Glance · Bengaluru, India

- Hybrid Recommendation Engine:** Designed and deployed a dual-track ranking pipeline that dynamically routes users based on data density — owning the Samsung channel (40M users) within a 150M-user platform. Powered the "dense" track with Gemini-enriched content embeddings, a Two-Tower retrieval model, and an LGBM ranker, while gracefully handling cold-start "sparse" users using Wilson's lower bound popularity and recency signals. Achieved a **40% lift in interactions** — notable for a locked-in lock screen product where users never actively opt in.
- Signal Extraction & Data Pipeline:** Iterated extensively on high-volume, noisy event logs (150M+ user signals) to isolate clean, high-intent engagement signals, ensuring downstream ML models were trained on accurate behavioral data. 30-min hourly batch pipelines; low-latency online serving.
- Infrastructure (Vertex AI → GKE):** Built online and offline serving pipelines on Vertex AI with Vertex Feature Store; migrated to GKE + Argo CD for cost efficiency; wrote Golang prediction services and model controllers; instrumented with OpenTelemetry and Grafana.
- Experimentation (Alchemist):** Contributed to an internal A/B testing platform; derived minimum sample sizes from inference/confidence equations to ensure statistical significance before shipping ranking changes.
- AI Annotation Setup:** POC for annotation workflows; GenAI-based image metadata tagging with LLMs and prompt engineering for category classification; drove annotation cleanup and cost reduction.

### Machine Learning Engineer I

Nov 2020 — Jun 2022

Census AI · Bangalore, India

- Explainability Module:** Used SHAP and LIME to explain model predictions and provide insight into why models produce the outputs they do; logged and monitored using MLflow, Prometheus, WhyLogs and Grafana.
- Drift Prediction Module:** Created APIs for continuous monitoring of model performance and production data; monitored data and concept drift with custom code and WhyLogs; built data quality, drift and performance monitors on Prefect / Airflow jobs.
- Deployment & Infrastructure:** Containerized and deployed using Docker, GitHub Actions and AWS ECS; orchestrated workloads on Kubernetes.
- ML Lifecycle:** Worked across the full ML lifecycle — from model onboarding and deployment to post-production monitoring — enabling clients to detect model degradation early and act on it.

### Machine Learning Intern → Jr Machine Learning Engineer

Jul 2018 — Oct 2020

Omni-Eye / The Valley Edutech · Bangalore, Karnataka

- Built models for security systems for the **Omni-Eye** platform.
- Eye In the Sky — Real-time Image Processing:** Stacked deep learning models to process images for object detection, facial recognition and plate detection. MTCNN network for facial detection; finetuned PyTorch models for facial recognition. OCR and data pipelines for plate recognition. Tracked all experiments with MLflow.
- Image Search & Clustering:** Created, trained and finetuned a CNN autoencoder that converts unlabelled images into feature vectors; inserted into KNN and LSH (Locality Sensitive Hashing) for fast similarity search and into unsupervised clustering algorithms to group image data.
- Student Platform & Instruction:** Developed a portal for tracking student progress (Flask, MongoDB) with GitHub commit-tracking APIs; instructed Python, ML and Deep Learning cohorts with a code-first, project-oriented approach.

## NOTABLE PROJECTS

- ResNet50 on ImageNet-1k from Scratch** [ERAv4 · AWS EC2](#) — No pretrained weights; trained on full ImageNet-1k on EC2; 75%+ top-1 accuracy; ~10,000 people globally. HuggingFace demo.
- YouSum — AI YouTube Summarizer** [Chrome Extension](#) — Streaming YouTube summaries via Claude & ChatGPT APIs; 5 detail levels, background generation, persistent storage.
- YOLO Object Detection** [Andrew Ng · C4](#) — Real-time detection for autonomous driving; bounding box prediction, IoU and non-max suppression from scratch.
- Face Recognition with FaceNet** [Andrew Ng · C4](#) — One-shot face verification using the FaceNet architecture and triplet loss.
- Poetry Analysis Studio** [Flask · Gemini AI](#) — Poem analysis and generation (Haiku, Sonnet, Limerick, Free Verse) with detailed literary analysis via Google Gemini.
- Neural Machine Translation with Attention** [Andrew Ng · C5](#) — Seq2seq model with an attention mechanism, learning to focus on relevant input positions at each decoding step.
- Rossmann Store Sales Prediction** [Kaggle · Top 0.4%](#) — Deep embedding network; 10% RMSPE; 11th out of 3,000+ teams.
- BlueBook for Bulldozers** [Kaggle · Top 0.4%](#) — Random Forest Regressor; RMSLE 0.2214; 2nd out of 476 teams.

## DOMAINS

Machine Learning  
Recommendation Systems  
Deep Learning MLOps  
Computer Vision NLP  
Model Monitoring

## STACK

Python Go PyTorch  
Scikit-learn Pandas · NumPy  
PySpark Vertex AI GKE  
OpenTelemetry Grafana  
SHAP / LIME

## EDUCATION

**Bachelor of Engineering**  
B M S College of Engineering · Bangalore  
2012 — 2016

## CERTIFICATIONS

**Deep Learning Specialization**  
Andrew Ng · deeplearning.ai  
**END2 — Extensive NLP via Deep Models**  
The School of AI  
**ERAv4 — Extensive & Reimagined AI Program**  
The School of AI