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SUMMARY

- I am perception engineer with 3 years of experience developing the perception pipelines using computer vision and deep learning. I specialize in developing sensor fusion multimodal pipelines for object detection, depth estimation, tracking and deploying it on edge devices. I am skilled in developing scalable training pipelines, creating datasets and auto annotation pipelines and managing it on cloud platforms.
- I am proficient in **Python and C++**, libraries like **PyTorch** and TensorFlow, coupled with ONNX and TensorRT and frameworks like OpenCV and Open3D.

SKILLS, INTERESTS & OTHERS

Programming: Python, C++

Al Frameworks: PyTorch, TensorFlow, Fabric, Nvidia-Deep stream

Tools & MLOps: OpenCV, FastAPI, Docker, Weights & Biases, CI/CD, AWS S3 **Soft Skills:** Problem-Solving, Independent & Collaborative Work, Communication

Languages: English (Fluent), German (B1)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Nov 2024 - SmartAls GMBH

Present

Al and Computer Vision Engineer

Munich, Germany

- Developed high-performance computer vision software for obstacle avoidance for blind people using C++ and PyTorch, optimized for real-time mobile deployment.
- Developed a ViT-based stereo-depth refinement deep learning model (PyTorch), fusing monocular depth with LiDAR supervision to outperform conventional stereo.
- Leveraged multiple segmentation models (e.g. SAM, DeepLabv3) using a voting method, combined with camera pose data, depth maps, and intrinsics to develop a segmented 3D reconstruction pipeline using Open3D.
- **Recorded and preprocessed** the novel dataset for metric depth estimation and object detection, and leveraging auto annotation pipeline using foundation models like Grounding DINO.
- Optimized real-time deployment of AI pipelines on mobile & embedded platforms PyTorch, ONNX and TensorRT quantization.

May 2024 - Infineon Technologies

Munich, Germany

Dec 2024

Master Thesis Student [Report] (Grade 1.0)

- Built a real-time multimodal RADAR-camera fusion model for depth estimation and object detection, achieving 37 FPS on A100 GPUs.
- Developed a novel ViT-based cross-sensor association network with CNN decoder in PyTorch, reducing depth error by 8% vs. SOTA and improving spatial alignment.
- Applied Post training quantization and quantization aware training, to quantize the model by 56% with only 2% reduction in accuracy, using PyTorch and TensorRT.
- Leveraged MLOps tools such as Weights & Biases for efficient training, monitoring, and fine-tuning of deep learning models.

Nov 2023- Infineon Technologies

Munich, Germany

Apr 2024

Computer Vision Working Student

- Designed and tested **ADAS functions** for vehicle tail-light detection and maneuvering action analysis to enhance driving safety on edge computing devices.
- Developed and validated traffic light detection algorithms using **meta-learning with deep learning** models including YOLOv5, SSD, DETR, and Faster R-CNN.

- Applied **ONNX** and **TensorFlow Lite quantization** to deploy models on embedded Al platforms (NVIDIA Jetson Nano, Coral Dev Board), achieving significantly faster inference.
- Collaborated with a cross-organizational team on the "Althena project" for ADAS feature development, utilizing frameworks such as GitHub and **Weights & Biases**, integrated with **CI/CD** pipelines.

Jan 2023 - Fraunhofer IKS

Munich, Germany

Oct 2023

Computer Vision Working Student

- Researched and developed 2D multi-object tracking using ByteTrack with Kalman filtering and enhanced association methods, benchmarking performance against state-of-the-art DeepSort.
- Trained a deep descriptive neural network to reduce identity switches and improve overall tracking performance.
- Developed an advanced evaluation metric for video object detection, accounting for detection accuracy across consecutive frames.

EDUCATION

Oct 2021 - Technische Hochschule Ingolstadt

Ingolstadt, Germany

May 2025

Master of Engineering in International Automotive Engineering, GPA: 2.0/4 (German Grading System, 1.0 = Best)

Aug 2016 – Savitribai Phule Pune University

Pune, India

May 2019 E

Bachelor of Technology Mechanical Engineering, GPA: 1.4/4 (German Grading System, 1.0 = Best)

ACADEMIC PROJECTS

Camera-Lidar Visual Fusion [Github]

- Developed a fusion pipeline for integrating camera and LiDAR data, including efficient coordinate transformation.
- Implemented YOLO for camera-based object detection and SFD3D for LiDAR-based object detection.
- Integrated early and late fusion methods with the Hungarian association method to enhance object detection accuracy.

Hydranets-The one multitasking algorithm [Github]

- Implemented a multitasking algorithm for classification and regression on the UTK Face dataset using PyTorch.
- Developed a real-time encoder-decoder model for predicting semantic segmentation and depth maps, featuring a lightweight Mobile Net-based encoder and a Retina Net-inspired decoder.
- Evaluated **3D segmentation** maps by leveraging metric depth maps and segmentation outputs with the Open3D library.

RAG application for onboarding of blind people [Github]

- Built an onboarding RAG application for visually impaired users using the LangChain framework and evaluated its
 real-time usability.
- Deployed the solution on **Streamlit** for demo, with a Chroma vector store for semantic retrieval, ensuring robust performance through cross-testing of retrieval strategies, indexing configurations.
- Developed **multiple agent workflow** prototypes (parallel, sequential, iterative, conditional) using LangGraph and OpenAl function calling.

Deep Learning and Edge Computing (Master Semester Project) [Github]

- Developed a Single Shot Detector for car and number plate detection from scratch using PyTorch and TensorFlow and integrated it with Google Coral Board and imported it to TensorFlow Lite using ONNX.
- Performed image data augmentation using computer vision libraries and employed various machine learning algorithms and AI neural network architectures, such as VGG16, Mobile-NET, for image classification.

Vision Language Models (VLM) Bootcamp [Certificate]

- Completed the OpenCV Vision Language Model Bootcamp with a 96% score, gaining practical skills in applying Vision Language Models (VLMs) for image understanding and description generation.
- Worked hands-on with models like CLIP for zero-shot image classification and Qwen2.5-VL for image captioning and object detection, enhancing multimodal AI capabilities.