Akshay Joshi

M. Sc. Data Science & Artificial Intelligence

Graduate student with an extensive background in Semiconductors & Software Engineering R&D, currently pursuing research in Self-supervised Learning, Neuro-Symbolic Reasoning, Embodied Vision & Multilingual Conversational Question Answering at Universität des Saarlandes, Germany

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Machine Learning Research Assistant
German Research Center for Artificial Intelligence

11/2020 - Present — *Saarbrücken, Germany*

- Building novel memory-efficient Deep Neural Transformer-based Language Models similar to GPT-2, PubMedBERT & RoBERTa.
- Self-supervised models trained on PubMed & MAUDE databases which comprise more than 50 million citations for Biomedical research literature hosted by FDA & National Library of Medicine.
- Develop Semantic Search, Emergency Alert & Forecast Systems for Smart Vigilance in Medical Product Research & Development.

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Graduate Teaching Assistant
Universität des Saarlandes

10/2020 - 03/2021 — *Saarbrücken, Germany*

- TA for the lecture 'Architectures for Intelligent Systems' offered by Prof. Dr. Jana Koehler (Chair of Artificial Intelligence Group).
- Develop course materials for Speech Assistants (Alexa) & Deep Reinforcement Learning Agents for Conversational Question Answering, Searching, Planning & Reasoning.
- The course has a cohort of ~46 M. Sc. Computer Science students.

Software Engineer I
Advanced Micro Devices R&D

08/2018 - 09/2019 — *Bangalore, India*

- Instrumental in the design & development of Platform Security Processor (PSP) firmware for x86 CPU.
- Owner for the design & validation of Microsoft PlayReady DRM protection technology for AMD Ryzen processors.
- Recommended by the Director of Software Engineering at AMD for my technical expertise and agile adaptability skills.

Intern
Advanced Micro Devices R&D

02/2018 - 08/2018 — *Bangalore, India*

- Developed & validated AMD Ryzen Master Software Development Kit for CPU & Memory Overclocking (Frequency/Voltage) utilities.
- Delivered ~70 multi-platform Windows SDK APIs in 6 months.

Engineering Intern
Alstom

01/2017 - 03/2017 — *Bangalore, India*

- Developed the data pre-processing pipeline which involved Data Cleansing, Wrangling & Dimensionality Reduction.
- Built Regression & Forecast models for predictive analytics and also performed Exploratory Data Analysis.

EDUCATION

M. Sc. in Data Science & Artificial Intelligence
Universität des Saarlandes

10/2019 - 03/2022 — *Saarbrücken, Germany*

B. Eng. in Computer Science & Engineering
Visvesvaraya Technological University

08/2013 - 06/2017 — *Bangalore, India*

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Python | C++ | NumPy | PyTorch | Scikit - learn | OpenCV | CUDA | SQL | Computer Vision | NLP | R | Statistics | Computer Graphics | Deep Learning | Tableau | Apache Spark | IR | Data Mining | Docker | A/B Testing | GIT | JIRA | Cloud | Image Processing

RESEARCH PAPERS

Dense Art Style Recognition with Self-supervised Ensemble of Auto-Encoding Transformations [In Progress]

*Investigation on the use of deep semi-supervised neural models to extract dense features in complex & ambiguous images spanning across 27 unique artistic styles. Self-supervision enforced to resolve class imbalance of WikiArt dataset. The dataset has 30 GBs of high-res paintings. Outperformed existing **state-of-the-art** methods by achieving an overall accuracy gain of **~15%**.*

ACADEMIC PROJECTS

Sentiment Analysis & Data Exploration of COVID-19 Tweets w/ Self-Attention Networks & BART (08/2020 - 11/2020)

- Achieved overall average F1 score of of ~92%.

Multi-stage Informational Retrieval & Ranking System using LM, BM25 (Okapi, Plus), TFIDF (08/2020 - 08/2020)

- The query processing time was reduced to **~8 mins** from **20 mins** using parallel processing, caching & efficient data structures.

Open-domain Question Answering with End-to-End Memory Networks over KG & Text (07/2020 - 08/2020)

- Pre-trained the network on bAbI dataset for text understanding and reasoning. Achieved overall Precision of ~70% & Recall of ~85%.

Real-time Event-driven Object Detection & Counting with YOLO v3 & OpenCV (05/2020 - 07/2020)

Architecture for Context-aware Intelligent Assistant using Deep Reinforcement Learning (08/2019 - 02/2020)

SEMINARS & CONFERENCES

Advanced Seminar & Quiz on research paper 'Learning like Humans with Deep Symbolic Networks' (11/2020 - Present)

Presentation on 'The Fundamentals of an x86 Server' at the Indian Institute of Science (02/2019 - 02/2019)

Research Poster on 'Advanced Cryptographic Standards & Security' at Computer Society of India (04/2017 - 04/2017)

Seminar on 'High Performance Quantum Computing' at Cambridge Institute of Technology (03/2017 - 05/2017)

HONOURS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Ranked in the Top 5% of the graduating class of Computer Science & Engineering (08/2013 - 07/2017)

*Total number of Graduating Students: **106***

LANGUAGES

English
Full Professional Proficiency

German
Limited Working Proficiency