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## EDUCATION

### Vidyalankar Institute of Technology

Bachelor of Technology in Computer Engineering

Mumbai, India

Sept 2024 – Present

- CGPA: **10.0** (First Year) | SGPA: **10.0** (Sem 3)
- Expected Graduation: **2028**
- Relevant Courses: Object-Oriented Programming, Data Structures & Algorithms, Database Management Systems

## EXPERIENCE

### Open World Holidays Framework

Open Source Contributor (GWoC Top 1%) & Paid Contributor

Jan 2025 – June 2025

Remote

- Achieved **Rank 7 out of 2300+ contributors** in Google Winter of Code (GWoC) '24; top-tier performance led to a **paid sponsored task** to implement **Mongolian holidays**.
- Engineered a **lunar calendar** specifically for **Mongolia**, while extending pre-existing date systems to support complex holiday logic for **India** and **Nepal** to support **249 countries** in a library with **20M+ monthly PyPI downloads**.
- Implemented **localization (l10n)** efforts by implementing Hindi and Mongolian translations, ensuring native-language accessibility for regional users.
- Technologies: Python, Pytest, l10n, Git , GitHub

## PROJECTS

### Transformer From Scratch (Neural Machine Translation) | Python, PyTorch

GitHub

- Developed a complete **Transformer** architecture from scratch using **PyTorch**, manually building **multi-head attention**, **encoder-decoder blocks**, and **positional encoding**.
- Trained a bilingual NMT model on **OPUS Books** using **greedy and beam search** decoding, implementing **learning-rate warmup** and **label smoothing** for optimized convergence.
- Evaluated performance using **SacreBLEU**, **WER**, and **CER** metrics, utilizing **TensorBoard** for experiment tracking and checkpointing logic.

### BaseKernel (Custom 32 bit Kernel) | C, NASM, QEMU

GitHub

- Built a **32-bit protected mode kernel** from scratch, **bootstrapped from real mode**.
- Implemented **bootloader**, **GDT**, **IDT**, **ISR**, and **IRQ** handling for low-level system control.
- Added **memory paging**, **screen output** along with a **Round Robin scheduler** to enable fair CPU time allocation across tasks.
- Developed entirely without standard libraries to achieve bare-metal execution.

### Alloc (Custom Memory Allocator in C) | C, NASM

GitHub

- Created a 32-bit allocator mimicking **malloc()** and **free()** over a 1 GB virtual heap.
- Implemented **alloc(bytes)** to allocate memory in words by taking size in bytes as input.
- Added **destroy()** for secure deallocation with memory zeroing to prevent data leakage, ensuring data privacy.
- Built packed headers, manual tracking, macros for KB/MB/GB allocation, and a **show()** debugger.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: C, Python, Assembly, Java

Database: MySQL

Tools and platforms: Git, GitHub

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY

### Our Tech Community (OTC) | [ourtech.community](https://ourtech.community)

Jul 2025 – Present

Co-Organiser

- Co-organize and grow a vibrant, inclusive, and open-for-all tech community of currently **600+ members**.
- Plan, organize, and execute OTC's **flagship programs**, including weekly **catchups** and **technical talks**.
- Oversee community operations, including **technical setup and maintenance** for events, ensuring smooth execution and **comprehensive documentation**.