

# Anusha Alangar

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## EDUCATION

**Master of Science in Computer Science** — *GPA: 4.0*  
*Arizona State University*

Aug. 2023 – May 2025  
*Tempe, AZ*

## SKILLS

**Languages & Tools:** C/C++, Java, Kotlin, Python, Go, JavaScript, Gradle, Bazel, Jenkins, gRPC, Protobuf  
**Frameworks:** Node.js, React, GraphQL, Next.js, LangChain, MCP, Spring Boot, Micronaut, FastAPI  
**Cloud:** AWS EC2, EKS, S3, Lambda, Grafana, Elastic Search, Kibana, Docker, Kubernetes  
**Data:** Kafka, Cassandra, Hadoop, PostgreSQL, Redis, MongoDB, ZooKeeper, InfluxDB, Prometheus

## EXPERIENCE

### Research Assistant

July 2025 – Present

*VISA Research Lab - Arizona State University*

*Tempe, AZ*

- Researching social health recommendation agents using OpenAI models, focusing on adaptive personalization
- Designing solutions for long term memory context retrieval with open-source MCPs and Agentic RAG, leveraging LangChain for knowledge grounding and dialogue coherence

### Software Engineering Intern

June 2024 – Aug 2024

*National Basketball Association (NBA)*

*New York City, NY*

- Worked on B2C features including Sports News, Ads, Catalogs, Scores and Subscriptions on NBA.com
- Performed Tailwind to CSS codebase migrations, abstracting serialization into separate packages
- Refactored core Python authentication APIs for League Pass subscriptions, and created a framework for granular control over ads serving logic in GraphQL

### Software Engineer

Aug 2020 – June 2023

*Target Corporation*

*Bangalore, KA*

- Search team at Target is responsible for search and recommendation on Target.com, managing the entire lifecycle from search input and autocomplete, to query completion, normalization, and redirection
- Built and maintained enterprise grade cross-functional microservices touching Java, Kotlin, React, Docker, Kubernetes and Elasticsearch, along with associated observability and ops through Prometheus and Grafana
- Improved user query suggestion ranking by leveraging search prefix prioritization, fuzzy matching and look-up tries, leading to large improvements in peak search transaction throughput
- Productionized a Kafka based Tcin Sequence Generator, serving as an efficient product catalog engine that consolidates information from various sources
- Built pipelines to consolidate Kafka clusters and Redis cache in real-time for high availability during peak hours, and migrated sections of Target's tech stack from Java, Spring and MySQL to Kotlin, Micronaut and PostgreSQL
- Identified critical fields and re-indexed Target's fork of Metabase that interfaces with MongoDB, resulting in reduced time taken to visualize data from over a minute down to sub 1000ms

## PROJECTS

**MidLLaMAI:** Benchmarking suite for evaluating performance of compressed LLaMA models, focused on finding an optimal balance between different pruning and quantization techniques with varying model sizes

**Crypticket:** An offline capable cryptographic ticket generation and authentication platform using service workers and local storage caching. Built as a responsive PWA using React, utilizing EdDSA elliptic curve cryptography

**Accentrix:** A system built with TensorFlow for accent conversion and classification through mapping MFCCs vectors describing the short-term power spectrum of sound, including a React based web interface

**LookUpBloodDB:** Unified platform for locating the nearest blood bank with availability by interfacing with and consolidating blood donation databases across organizations, built with FastAPI and MySQL, exposed as a REST API

## AWARDS & HONORS

**R&D Recognition Award** | *Target Corporation*

Oct. 2021

- Developed a high impact product catalog consolidator across Target's inventory in the enterprise search pipeline