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EDUCATION

Master of Science in Computer Science [CGPA – 3.83/4] University at Buffalo, New York [Expected : Dec 2025]

Bachelor of Technology in Computer Science [CGPA - 8.32/10] PES University, India [Graduated : Aug 2020]

SKILLS

- Programming Languages: Python, C++, Java, SQL, JavaScript, Typescript, HTML, CSS, Dart
- Cloud/DevOps: AWS, Azure, GCP, Docker, Kubernetes, Prometheus, Grafana, Jenkins, Spark
- Data Systems: Kafka, PostgreSQL, MongoDB, Redis, Chroma DB, Spark, ElasticSearch, Firestore, Snowflake
- Frameworks: Spring Boot, FastAPI, Flask, Streamlit, .NET, Node JS, Flutter, React JS, Hibernate
- Tools / OS: Git, Jira, Slack, Sonar, Kibana, LINUX/UNIX, Ansible, Terraform, ETL, EMR
- Relevant Coursework: Object-Oriented design (OOPs), Data Structures & Algorithms, Databases (DBMS), Cyber Security, Computer Networks, Web Development, Data Intensive Computing.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Senior Software Engineer | Optum, UHG | Bengaluru, IN

Jan 2023 – July 2024

- Pipeline Automation: Spearheaded an innovative automated framework leveraging AWS Lambda, integrated with SQS & SNS to automate processes, slashing manual intervention by over 70% and accelerating pipeline execution by 50%.
- ETL Performance Optimization: Engineered an indexing strategy for Parquet file queries, reducing latency by 60% and boosting ETL throughput by 45%.
- **Data Consolidation:** : Designed a high-performance, **distributed data pipeline** to aggregate **130M+ records**, leveraging advanced ETL, **real-time analytics**, and accelerated data modeling to drive faster, data-driven decisions.
- Cost Efficient: Revolutionized cluster management by deploying a serverless EMR solution replacing manual provisioning with elastic scaling, cutting costs by 40% and boosting operational agility.

Software Engineer | Optum, UHG | Bengaluru, IN

Aug 2020 – Dec 2022

- Growth & Retention: Architected a Snowflake based data platform to boost tenant onboarding by 80% and retention to 90%, driving revenue growth through seamless integrations and data-driven insights.
- Cost Intelligence Predictive Analytics: Designed a real-time cost estimation dashboard leveraging ETL pipelines, data warehousing, and OLAP processing, reducing cost variability and enhancing financial forecasting accuracy by 90%.
- Leadership & Cross-Functional Collaboration: Conducted code/design reviews to uphold quality standards. Resolved 100+ critical customer escalations via root-cause analysis. Mentored 4+ new hires on tools and workflows. Owned end-to-end delivery of customer requested software enhancements, fostering teamwork across various teams.
- **Rostering Application**: Implemented a **Spring Boot** rostering application with **SOLID** design, achieving 99.9% peak traffic uptime, enhanced query performance ~ 40% through indexing, and rigorous load testing with JMeter and JProfiler.

Software Developer Intern | Shadowfax Technologies | Bengaluru, IN

Jan 2020 - Aug 2020

- Scalable Bulk Upload: Deployed an asynchronous bulk upload system with Celery, cutting CSV processing time by 60% while preventing web freezes. Optimized concurrency for seamless handling of 10GB+ files.
- **Process Automation**: Built a **Python** log analyzer (30% faster error detection) that improved error detection speed by 30%, identifying issues missed by Sonar and enhancing debugging efficiency.

PROJECTS

InsightQuery [Link]

Jan 2025

• Developed an **LLM-first analytics tool** using LLaMA and Streamlit that auto-generates **context-aware visualizations** and data narratives via intent-aware prompts, using **vector embeddings** reducing **analysis time by 70%** and achieving 4.8/5 usability from 50+ users.

Forecaster [Link]

Nov 2024

 AI-driven time-series platform with causal-temporal modeling and adaptive recommendation engines predicts restaurant SKU demand (weather/order patterns), cutting stock outs by 50% and waste by 40% while enabling hyper-personalized interactive menus.

RagBot [Link]

Oct 2024

• RAG-Powered Discord Bot: Instantly converts club discussions/announcements into AI-curated knowledge, slashing response times 80% and enabling scalable, real-time community insights through collaborative 'learn-as-you-build'.

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- Publication: Published a paper on Bike Count Sharing Prediction Using Machine Learning in Ijaresm. [Publication Link]
- Excellence Award: Won a performance excellence award for Top Performer of the quarter worth \$500.
- Certified Snowflake Administrator: Gained in-depth exploration of database admin duties and responsibilities in SF.