# **ACHINTYA PILLAI**

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#### **EDUCATION**

UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK Maters In Engineering, MS

Data Science/Machine learning

UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK Bachelor of Science, MAY 2018
Computer Science Engineering
GPA 3.1/4.0

### **EXPERIENCE**

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BUFFALO, Buffalo, New York Teaching Assistant (Intro to Programming Languages & Digital Systems), 02/2017 – 12/2017 & 02/2018 – 05/2018

- Delivered labs and recitations on topics such as Data Structures, Object Oriented Programming, K- Maps, test benches and used software such as processing, eclipse and Verilog to help student's complete labs and other learning objectives.
- Successfully assisted and taught engineering courses CSE241, CSE113 and CSE101.
- Developed characteristics of a leader and directed students in the right direction.
- Utilized interpersonal skills during interactive encounters with faculty and students.

## RENT MI, Buffalo, New York

# Android Application Developer Intern, 12/2016 – 01/2017

- Developed the first android version of the company application for user interaction.
- Used concepts and phases of the system development life cycle (SDLC) for planning, creating, testing and deploying the application.
- Completed fragmentation for tabs on the application such as Home, Listing, User Messages, My Profile and Profit.
- Used Android Adapter API in the application to construct the view for the data.

# STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BUFFALO, Buffalo, New York Research Assistant, 12/2015 – 05/2016

(Project lead by Dr. Bina Ramamurthy)

- Built and implemented a plan which enabled the University to create a fully functional and dynamic virtual environment.
- Analyzed three building structures at the University's North Campus location, collected blueprints for these buildings, and designed a virtual space for the university based on combined data collected from the research team.
- Designed the webpage and worked with the research team to make the website using the BootsStrap framework.
- Used scripts in PHP to send automated emails to participants for the project and advertised the event.

#### PROJECTS

**Relational & XML database:** Design a relational data model and a XML database, which focused on credit scoring services and online book information storage database.

- Had three major types of data to manage: customer data, bank information data and bank account data.
- Use X-Query to query the XML database and SQL to Query and manipulate the relational databases.
- The technical software tools I used for this project was:

3) Also used SPARQL for querying over RDF data schema.

Machine Learning (Neural Networks/ Python script/ numpy library): Created a neural network to recognize hand written digits.

- Heavy use of Numpy Library in python to accomplish this task.
- Programmed a full scale neural network with a preprocess(), nnObjunction(), nnpredict() & sigmoind() function.
- Extracted/ Loaded the MNIST data set from the .mat file provided with all the data points for the handwritten digits.
- Separated Testing, Training and Validation data and normalized the all the data.
- Conducted feed forward propagation, back propagation and calculated the error function in the python script. (You can find the script on my git account in MLP1 folder as *script.py*)

**DRONE COLLISION AVOIDANCE SYSTEM (C):** A system which helps detect and avoid collisions between drones.

- Used concepts: Threading, Semaphores and Manhattan movement pattern.
- The capability of drones includes: takeoff, deliver, return, avoid collision
- When a drone requests landing, if a landing space is available it is allocated. If not, the drone keeps hovering around in a holding pattern. All the drones requesting landing are queued up and are served first come first serve basis.

**UB MINECRAFT-HACKATHON (PHP, Python, HTML5):** Helped organized the event by helping in conducting Minecraft server load tests using scripts and made script to send automated emails using PHP.

- Designing and managing the website for the Hackathon.
- Building and integrating the registration form for the Hackathon with the main website.
- Helped with gathering information about each building and its floor-plans and published them on the website.
- Created a photo gallery in the website for people to look back and see how they enjoyed the event.
- Helped with publications and social events with the publicity team for the whole event.

# Backend developer for a time management app on the android play store. (Application on playstore is chYour)

- Designing and managing the server end tasks.
- Helped in making the PHP scripts for automation of emails to users.
- Made a structure for storing the data from the user end.
- Send data from the client side to the server using JSON and REST API

SKILLS SOFTWARE Java, Python, C, C++, SQL, XML, XQUERY, SPARQL Eclipse, PyCharm, Verilog, Processing, pgAdmin, Editix-XML, exist-db