

# Aravind Pradeep

Entry-Level ML Engineer | Edge ViT Systems & LLMs

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## Summary

Entry-level Machine Learning Engineer specializing in **Content-Aware Vision Transformer (ViT) Systems** and deployment of ML models on edge and cloud infrastructure. Combines an M.Sc. in Artificial Intelligence with multiple years of coding experience, production work at Perinet GmbH, and a solid foundation in **full-stack development** (React, TypeScript) from bachelor's studies. Experienced in building end-to-end ML systems, RAG pipelines, and containerized services using Python, PyTorch, Docker/Kubernetes, and Golang APIs.

## Education

- Oct 2023 – Est. **M.Sc. Artificial Intelligence (Research Profile)**, Brandenburg University of Technology, Cottbus, Germany, GPA: 2.6 (92 ECTS)
- Thesis: "Content-Aware Vision Transformer Systems on Edge Devices" – Optimizing ViT architectures for real-time inference on resource-constrained hardware.
  - Key modules: Image Processing & Computer Vision, Neuromorphic Computing, Research Module AI, Explainable ML, Data Mining.
- Jul 2018 – Mar 2021 **B.Sc. Computer Application**, BVM Holy Cross College, Kottayam, India
- Core coursework in software engineering and web development, including projects using **React** and **TypeScript**.

## Experience

- Jun 2024 – Present **Working Student – AI Firmware & Edge ML**, Perinet GmbH, Cottbus, Germany
- Co-developed **RAG-based conversational AI** using vector embeddings and semantic search, integrated with real-time sensor streams (MQTT) for IoT/automotive scenarios.
  - Designed **anomaly detection systems** on distributed edge nodes using optimized ML models, enabling privacy-preserving real-time inference on device data.
  - Containerized (Docker/LXC) and orchestrated **ViT/ML services** with Kubernetes for ARM-based edge devices, achieving production-grade stability.
  - Built scalable **Golang** backend APIs for AI service integration and contributed to CI/CD pipelines (GitLab) for automated build, test, and deployment of ML components.
  - Optimized neural networks, including transformer-based models, for low-latency inference on ARM hardware via quantization and efficient data pipelines.
- Oct 2021 – Aug 2022 **Software Engineer Trainee**, Cognizant Technology Solutions, India
- Worked in a large-scale enterprise environment, collaborating in cross-functional agile teams on production systems.
  - Gained experience with legacy systems and databases, strengthening debugging, reliability, and software engineering fundamentals.

## Key Projects

### Content-Aware ViT Systems on Edge Devices, M.Sc. Thesis

- Researching **Vision Transformer (ViT)** optimization for content-aware processing on resource-constrained edge hardware.
- Implementing model compression techniques (pruning, quantization, distillation) to enable real-time ViT inference with minimal latency/memory usage.
- Developing an evaluation framework for ViT performance across edge scenarios, focusing on accuracy-latency trade-offs and deployment robustness.

### **AI Agent & RAG Pipeline for QA, Perinet**

- Engineered a lightweight **AI agent** with a RAG pipeline using **Gemma-2B** and **Phi-2** via **LangChain** and Hugging Face.
- Implemented a **Golang** backend to orchestrate retrieval, model calls, and chain-of-thought style workflows; deployed via containerized LXC for IoT stability.

### **ML Anomaly Detection & Error Analysis, University Research Project**

- Built ML models for **real-time anomaly detection** and performed systematic error analysis on misclassifications.
- Proposed data preprocessing and architecture changes that improved model robustness on validation data.

### **Full-Stack Web App (React / TypeScript), Personal Project**

- Developed a small full-stack application with a **React + TypeScript** frontend and RESTful backend, focusing on clean UI, component design, and robust API integration.

## **Technical Skills**

**AI / ML** Vision Transformers (ViT), Edge AI, Content-Aware Systems, Supervised Learning, Deep Learning, Computer Vision, RAG, LLMs, Anomaly Detection, Model Compression (Pruning/Quantization).

**Frameworks** PyTorch, TensorFlow/TensorFlow Lite, Hugging Face Transformers, LangChain, LlamalIndex, scikit-learn, OpenCV.

**Programming** Python (Advanced), Golang, SQL, C++, C.

**Frontend** React, TypeScript, JavaScript, HTML, CSS.

**MLOps / Systems** Docker, Kubernetes, LXC, MQTT, GitLab CI/CD, REST/gRPC APIs, ARM optimization.

**Edge / Cloud** Azure, Databricks, MLflow, PyTest, Git/GitHub, Edge hardware (ARM/Coral TPU).

## **Languages**

**English** Fluent (C1) – Technical communication, documentation, and presentations.

**German** B1 – Actively improving for German tech workplaces.

**Malayalam** Native.