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Education

University of California, Santa Cruz

Master of Science in Computer Science

Manipal University, Jaipur

Bachelor of Technology in Information Technology

Sep 2023 - June 2025

CGPA: 3.88/4

July 2017 - May 2021

Awards and Certifications

- UCSC Kaggle's Competition Winner (2023): Achieved first place in the final project competition of 'Applied Machine Learning: Deep Learning" course with a final score of 88.4% using Vision Transformers, ultimately earning an A+ grade.
- 3rd Place at Innocircle 2022, Mercedes-Benz Internal Innovation Forum: Implemented micro frontend architecture to complement the existing process, enabling users to modify their vehicle network topology and review changes, eliminating previous dependencies and saving more than 50% of the time.
- AZ-900 Certification (2022): Passed the Microsoft Azure Fundamentals (AZ-900) certification with a score of 940/1000.
- Gold Medal Science Olympiad Foundation (2014): Awarded Gold Medal (School Topper) for the 16th National Science Olympiad. Achieved an International Rank of 633.
- Silver Medal Science Olympiad Foundation (2013): Awarded Silver Medal (2nd in School) for the 15th National Science Olympiad with an International Rank of 196.
- Bronze Medal Science Olympiad Foundation (2013): Awarded Bronze Medal (School Level) for the 2nd International English Olympiad.
- Gold Medal Science Olympiad Foundation (2012): Awarded Gold Medal (School Topper) for the 13th National Science Olympiad.

Experience

University of California, Santa Cruz

Santa Cruz, CA

Jan 2024 - Present

AI Research Assistant & Teaching Assistant

- AI Research Assistant (July 2024 Present)
 - * Conducting research under the supervision of Professor Yi Zhang focusing on advancing AI capabilities in **agent** capacity, agentic workflows, and web agents.
 - * Prototyping an **AI system** integrating intent-based matching and a **LangChain** agent with **FAISS**-powered **RAG** for context-aware task completion, using **wake word detection** to trigger the flow for seamless query processing.
- Teaching Assistant (Jan 2024 June 2024)
 - * CSE-115A Introduction to Software Engineering Mentored student groups with an Agile focus on software projects.
 - * CSE-182 Introduction to Database Management Systems Facilitated projects and labs on relational/non-relational data models, SQL, Python database access, PostgreSQL, transactions, stored functions, and PL/pgSQL.

Capgemini Technology Services India Limited

Mumbai, India

Associate Consultant & Senior Analyst

July 2021 - Aug 2023

- Associate Consultant (Oct 2022 Aug 2023)
 - * Role: Java Backend Developer
 - * Performed software analysis, programming, testing, and debugging within XDIS, a monolithic legacy project utilizing a three-tier architecture, crucial for vehicle diagnostics and automation at Mercedes-Benz.
 - * Headed the Data Model and Diagnostic Team, showcasing solid cross-functional leadership.
 - * Optimized export testing by creating a wrapper around the Autosar framework and implementing an XML file import strategy, reducing overall testing time by 40% and speeding up export time for individual modules by 17% on average.
- Senior Analyst (July 2021 Sep 2022)
 - * Role: Java Backend Developer
 - * Designed, implemented, and maintained features using design patterns and conducting code reviews.
 - * Enhanced data models with new attributes and relationships; led database migration to a new version; Furthermore, I managed data migration and relational schema updates, optimizing table relationships and system integration.
 - * Dramatically optimized XML file migration time by an impressive 66.67%. Additionally, concurrently implementing indexing strategies for associated IBM Db2 database tables enhanced the tool's robustness.
- Senior Analyst Intern (Jan 2021 May 2021)
 - * Role: Java Full Stack Developer
 - * Led the development of a Medical Portal a team of 6 interns.
 - * Developed end-to-end Medical Portal using **Spring Boot** for the backend and **React** for the frontend. Integrated frontend and backend via Axios. Utilized **JUnit** for backend and **Jasmine** for frontend testing.
 - * Developed a **REST API** to facilitate distinct user roles (Admin, Doctor, Patient) to streamline appointment booking, doctor profile viewing, and medical history management for patients, while enabling doctors to review medical histories.

PgVector + | C/C++, PL/pgSQL, Database Systems, Vector Calculation

Jan 2024- March 2024

- Developed an advanced PostgreSQL extension on top of psyector for optimizing vector similarity search in diversified recommendation systems, significantly improving system performance and data retrieval accuracy for machine learning and AI applications.
- Implemented similarity and dissimilarity constraints and designed complex query compositions to enhance precision, relevance, and user engagement.
- Achieved an A in CSE 215 for excellence in system design and problem-solving.

Enhancing Image Captioning | Pytorch, Python Github

May 2024 - June 2024

- Developed and implemented a baseline LSTM model with ResNet50 for feature extraction using an encoder-decoder architecture. Integrated attention mechanisms to significantly enhance model performance with minimal training epochs.
- Conducted extensive experiments, including custom data splits and benchmarks, evaluated using the BLEU metric. Addressed irregular validation loss, explored learning rate schedules, and compared results with existing implementations.
- Completed this project as part of the "Deep Learning for Advanced Computer Vision" course, securing an A+ grade.

Unveiling Glitches in CLIP | Hugging Face, Python, pgVector, OpenAI-API Arxiv

Jan 2024 - March 2024

- Developed PgVector+, an advanced extension for PostgreSQL (pgvector) that optimized vector similarity search by implementing features like diversified recommendation systems, significantly improving system performance.
- Implemented similarity and dissimilarity constraints to boost the precision and relevance of search results, enhancing data retrieval accuracy and providing tailored recommendations for machine learning and AI applications.
- Designed and implemented low-level composition of multiple queries to support complex search criteria, improving vector data management and user engagement. Successfully achieved a A grade in CSE 215: Design and Implementation of Database Systems at UCSC for this project, demonstrating strong system design and problem-solving skills.

Video to Mp3 Converter Service | Flask, Docker, Kubernetes, RabbitMQ, MongoDB Github

Dec 2023

- Developed a microservices-based system with four services, including an authentication gateway, authorization service, video upload service and converter service.
- The gateway authenticates users via an authorization service, generating JWT tokens for valid users and enabling secure video. Video-to-MP3 conversion was facilitated using the Python library "moviepy".
- Employed asynchronous communication using RabbitMQ queue, Utilized Docker for containerization, Kubernetes for orchestration, and Minikube for local development, ensuring consistent and scalable deployment across environments.

Technical Skills

Programming Languages: Java, Python, Node.js, JavaScript, C/C++, TypeScript, Go

Backend Development: Core Java, Spring, Spring Boot, REST APIs, GraphQL, Microservices Architecture

Frontend Development: React, Redux, JavaScript, Responsive UI Development, Web Fundamentals, DOM Manipulation Databases: RDBMS (Oracle, MySQL, PostgreSQL), NoSQL (MongoDB, Redis), Vector Databases, pgvector, Pinecone

Software Development Tools: Git/GitHub, Jenkins (CI/CD), Docker, Kubernetes, Maven, Gradle, Jira

Testing and Automation: Test Driven Development (TDD), Behavior Driven Development (BDD)

Cloud and Distributed Systems: AWS (EC2, S3, RDS, Lambda, DynamoDB), GCP, Azure, SaaS/PaaS

Miscellaneous: Agile/SAFe Development Practices, Debugging, Troubleshooting, Documentation, SDLC Lifecycle

Selected Coursework: Advanced Machine Learning Techniques, Data Structures and Algorithms, Artificial Intelligence,

Distributed Systems, Design and Implementation of Database Systems, Advanced Computer Vision