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Education

Georgia Institute of Technology, College of Computing

Master of Science in Computer Science (Part-Time OMSCS)

• Specialization in Computational Perception and Robotics

Atlanta, GA

Washington State University, Honors College

Aug 2021 - May 2025

Expected Graduation: Dec 2027

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science — Minor in Mathematics, GPA: 3.94/4.0

Pullman, WA

- Senior Design Project: Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) App Using Knowledge Graph and Vector Search
- Relevant Coursework: Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Object-Oriented Programming, Probability & Statistics, Data Mining, Design & Analysis Algorithms, Optimization, Software Engineering, Data Structures, Linear Algebra

Technical Skills

Languages: Python, C/C++, SQL, JavaScript, TypeScript, HTML/CSS, C#, MATLAB, R, Haskell, Swift Developer Tools: Git, GitHub, GitHub Actions, Docker, Bash, Conda, AWS, Postman, Jupyter, MLflow, DVC, MySQL Libraries/Frameworks: React, Next.js, FastAPI, PyTorch, Pandas, LangChain, Hugging Face Transformers, OpenCV

Work Experience

Meta & Major League Hacking

Jun 2025 - Sep 2025

Remote

Production Engineering Fellow

- Deployed a full-stack Flask portfolio app with Docker on a DigitalOcean VPS, enabling persistent deployment and ensuring 100% uptime after reboot through automated systemd services for stable production reliability
- Integrated a MySQL database and configured Nginx reverse proxy with HTTPS and rate limiting, strengthening backend scalability, improving security, and enhancing reliability for secure production environments
- Automated deployments with a CI/CD pipeline using GitHub Actions and Bash, cutting manual deployment time by 80% and ensuring every push was tested, containerized, and deployed for efficient production workflows
- Implemented a comprehensive monitoring stack with Prometheus, Grafana, and Linux CLI tools, uncovering bottlenecks under load and optimizing resource allocation for consistent scalability and system performance

Carnegie Mellon University

Jun 2024 - Aug 2024

Robotics Institute Summer Scholar

Pittsburgh, PA

- Developed a novel hierarchical **reward learning framework** using **Bayesian inference** to align robotic actions with human preferences from iterative **state corrections**, significantly enhancing robot adaptability
- Implemented a **proactive clarification dialogue** system that improved task accuracy by **30%** by resolving uncertainty through targeted human queries, reducing errors and advancing interactive human-robot collaboration
- Engineered a modular, extensible Python-based simulation environment using Markov Decision Processes (MDP), supporting robust evaluation and iterative development of learning algorithms in simulated robotics tasks

Google

May 2023 - Aug 2023

Software Engineering Intern (STEP)

Sunnyvale, CA

- Developed and deployed **5** C++ and SQL-based analytics jobs for internal database queue metrics, significantly reducing operational costs and enabling data-driven decision-making in collaboration with engineering stakeholders
- Optimized data sampling strategies to scale job execution from 1% to 100% dataset coverage within 4 hours, achieving a 66% reduction in runtime and improving the scalability, accuracy, and efficiency of internal analytics workflows
- Built interactive, real-time dashboards using **HTML** and **SQL**-based queries, delivering actionable insights to internal teams across engineering and operations, and enabling faster decision-making through intuitive visualizations
- Implemented live-update statistical features on client dashboards with **HTML** and database-driven queries, enhancing stakeholder visibility into queue activity, reducing detection latency, and enabling more responsive system oversight

Projects

SentiSync – Real-Time YouTube Sentiment Analysis

Tech Stack: Flask, React, MLflow, DVC, Docker, AWS

• Built a real-time sentiment analysis system with a Chrome Extension frontend and Flask API backend, enabling instant visualization of YouTube comment sentiment using a fine-tuned LightGBM model and TF-IDF features

CodePrep.AI – AI Coding Interview Prep

Tech Stack: React, FastAPI, Clerk, Hugging Face, SQLite

• Designed and deployed a full-stack platform for interactive coding interview prep that generates unique, difficulty-based challenges via **Meta-Llama-3-8B-Instruct**, with real-time feedback, quota tracking, and historical review