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Education

Georgia Institute of Technology, College of Computing **Expected Graduation: Dec 2027**
Master of Science in Computer Science — Computational Perception and Robotics Atlanta, GA

Washington State University, Honors College **Aug 2021 - May 2025**
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 x MLH **Jun 2025 - Present**
Production Engineering Fellow Remote

- 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**
STEP Intern 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