## **Greater Vancouver Area** BC, Canada

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### **EDUCATION**

Master of Data Science candidate, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, Current Grade: 97% Bachelor of Engineering (Computer Science and Engineering), ANNA UNIVERSITY, CGPA: 8.44/10 Sep 2021 — Jun 2022 Jun 2014 — Apr 2018

#### EXPERIENCE

Software Engineer, Sirius Computer Solutions Inc., India (HQ: San Antonio)

Jun 2018 — Jul 2021

- Reduced the total budgeted manpower cost by 20% for a US banking firm by building an NLP-based contextual chatbot with smart recommendations to automate the firm's issue creation for internal requests in Salesforce and ServiceNow.
- Minimized the support team turnaround time by 20% for a US global payments company by developing a deep learning classification model using LSTM, a recurrent neural network (RNN), and eliminating the manual categorization of emails.
- Implemented a ticket classification neural network model using TensorFlow and Python for a US healthcare company to group tickets and bring down the workload of support agents.
- Cut down the allocated workforce cost by 70% by building multiple conversational AI assistants to automate the mission-critical IT operations of a US retail MNC; automated the CI/CD pipeline of bots using Azure DevOps and Kubernetes Service.
- Led an initiative with senior AI consultants in enabling my colleagues to work on customer AI projects; taught basic concepts in machine learning and helped in designing the enablement plan.
- Modified Google's Lighthouse CI opensource project to develop a page speed evaluation product using React. is and evaluate the performance of web pages; reduced the page load times by at least 30% of the existing e-commerce customers.
- Software Engineer Intern, Sirius Computer Solutions Inc., India

Jan 2018 — Mar 2018

- Developed web pages, controllers, and a security module to authenticate and authorize the users of the company for a security and inventory management application; decreased the company's expenditure on external applications.
- Research Assistant, Velammal Engineering College

Jan 2017 — Apr 2017

 Designed and developed an IoT-based classroom response system as part of the TIFAC-CORE research lab funded by Cognizant Technology Solutions; improved the client module by replacing HTTP with Constrained Application Protocol (CoAP).

## MAJOR ACADEMIC PROJECTS

- StrapvizPy and StrapvizR (Graduate): Created Python and R packages named StrapvizPy and StrapvizR to streamline bootstrapping samples, creating insightful plots and tables with statistics such as confidence interval, standard error for reports and papers. 2022
- FOREST FIRE AREA PREDICTION (Graduate): Built a regression model using Support Vector Regression(SVR) to predict forest fire areas using meteorological and soil moisture data; minimized mean absolute error(MAE) to 8.68 ha with a limited dataset. 2021
- EARTHOSYS (Undergraduate Capstone): Developed an ensemble model using Random Forests to predict tsunamis. Implemented an efficient search algorithm on the NASA dataset to find the nearest coastal distance with coordinates from the NOAA's tsunami dataset. Developed a web application's backend, a chatbot, and an IoT-based alert device using Raspberry Pi. 2017 - 2018

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Python, R, SQL, JavaScript, CSS, HTML, Java. Frameworks: Tensorflow, PyTorch, RASA, React, Flask, Django, Angular. Libraries:

Scikit-Learn, Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib, Altair, Keras, Psycopg2 (PostgresSQL), SQLAlchemy.

Tools: Jupyter, PyCharm, VS Code, RStudio, Terminal, git, Docker, Sourcetree, Android Studio. Cloud Platforms: Azure, AWS.

#### **HACKATHONS**

- WiDS 2022 Datathon, Stanford University: Ranked  $\mathbf{1}^{st}$  in Vancouver and  $\mathbf{16}^{th}$  overall in the  $\mathbf{5}^{th}$  Annual WiDS Kaggle Datathon. Built an ML model to predict the energy efficiency of buildings to help policymakers target plans that maximize emission reductions.
- HCL Commerce hackathon 2020: Won the Most Creative award with my team for implementing a smart voice assistant to shop on an e-commerce site and integrating it with Google Assistant.
- FLEX 2.0, Codes and Gears 2020, a 36-hour Hackathon, Sirius Computer Solutions (Winners): Built a prototype collaboratively with my team to convert sign language into words on-screen to help differently-abled with speech and hearing loss. Demo
- FLEX, Codes and Gears 2019 (Winners): Developed a prototype along with my colleagues to detect bad postures, control smart home devices, and convert gestures into action words by estimating body poses to help people with disabilities. Demo

#### AWARDS