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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 KB article recommendations to automate the firm's issue-creation for internal requests in Salesforce and ServiceNow.
 Fine-tuned the intent classification and dialogue models and contributed to the design and architecture of the NLP pipeline.
- Minimized the support team turnaround time by 20% for a US global payments company by developing a classification model using LSTM, a recurrent neural network (RNN), and eliminating the manual categorization of emails. Built a data pipeline to clean, transform, and derive additional features; articulated and presented the data insights to the onsite team.
- 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. Improved the
 security of bots and monitored the performance of ML pipelines.
- Contributed to the design of NoSource, an AI-based testing automation framework to perform a website's QA testing without test suites by seamless identification of HTML elements in a page. Enabled cloud testing of web and mobile platforms for OneSource, a testing framework, and reduced the procurement cost of test devices by 50% by leveraging cloud-based testing simulations.
- Customized **Google's Lighthouse CI** open-source project to develop a **page speed evaluation product** using React.js and evaluate the performance of web pages; **reduced the page load times by at least 30%** of the existing e-commerce customers. Contributed to the open-source project by reporting a few existing issues to the **Google developer team**.
- 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): Trained and tuned a Support Vector Regression(SVR) model to predict forest fire areas using weather and soil data; improved the model by removing outliers using the Cook's distance method.
- 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 1st in Vancouver and 16th overall in the 5th 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