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Projects

1. P2P File Transfer

Link: github.com/gotlouguit/p2p-file-transfer

Summary: Transfer files directly using the power of the Internet with zero servers required

Details:

- Designed a custom reliable file transfer protocol
- Can traverse easy NATs to establish a direct connection, avoid a central server and thus virtually reducing hosting fees by 100%
- Learnt about Rust, async network programming, network protocol design, parsing
- Technologies: Rust, Tokio, UDP

2. Vaidhya

2 Person Team Project

Link: github.com/vaidhya-web

Summary: Web application enabling users to locate nearby doctors based on specialization and city.

Details:

- Implemented distinct functionalities for token purchases, allowing patients to avoid queues, and appointment bookings for specific timings
- Built backend from scratch, including database design, JWT authentication and REST API creation
- Technologies: Rust, Axum, sqlx, PostgreSQL, JavaScript, TailwindCSS

3. sshield

Link: github.com/gotlouguit/sshield

Summary: Secure, drop-in SSH agent replacement and key manager

Details:

- Uses encrypted at rest SQLite database for key management
- Allows easy importing of key data from OpenSSH format and uses config to smartly import settings
- Technologies: Rust, rusqlite, SQLite, russh

Experience

Google Summer of Code

May - August 2023

Open Source Contributor at the Tor Project
gitlab.torproject.org/gotlou/arti-sample-project

- Found multiple documentation and concurrency issues in Arti
- Made and reviewed multiple Merge Requests to fix such issues in the upstream repo by working with Arti developers
- Wrote a concurrent download manager to fetch Tor Browser over the Tor Network in cases where direct access to the Tor Project's website may be prohibited
- Implemented a compliant DNS over TCP resolver to make A record queries for domain names over Tor as a way to evaluate Arti's ease of use when facilitating non-HTTP connections using Arti
- Created a fast status checking tool for obfs4 bridges in order to generate valuable insight into the overall health of these critical relays, to be used by the Tor Project in production
- Added low-level APIs critical to running pluggable transports in server mode to Arti for future scope

Education

• National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra December 2021 - June 2025

B. Tech. in Information Technology

CGPA: 9.05

Skills

- **Technical Skills:** Rust, C++, C, Python, Go, Nix, PostgreSQL, MySQL, SQLite, Object Oriented Programming, Networking, Debugging, Code Review, Linux, Git, Concurrency, Database Design
- **Soft Skills:** Teamwork, Decision Making, Time Management, Resilience, Creativity, Problem Solving
- **Languages:** English, Hindi

Achievements

- **Google Summer of Code 2023**
Selected among 967 out of 43765 applicants from 160 countries
- **JEE Mains 2021**
Got rank 6929; 99.34 percentile
- **JEE Advanced 2021**
Got rank 6892