

# Hitesh Kotte *Data Science and Machine Learning Engineer*

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## Profile

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Data Science Engineer with a background in Computer Science and a Master's in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence from Saarland University, Germany. Skilled in Computer Vision and AI, particularly using YOLO. Committed to developing practical, user-focused AI solutions that enhance real-world applications. Eager to contribute innovative ideas in the field of AI and technology.

## Professional Experience

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01/2023 – present  
Berlin, Germany

### Research Assistant,

#### Deutsches Forschungszentrum für Künstliche Intelligenz (DFKI)

Lead Engineer, Real-Time Gym Activity Recognition Project

- **Project Leadership:** Led a project on real-time gym activity recognition using YOLOv7, managing the end-to-end process of webcam frame transmission, server processing, and analysis.
- **Deployment:** Deployed the application on Kubernetes, ensuring scalability and efficient resource management. Utilized Kafka for high-throughput real-time data processing.
- **Research and Publications:** Published multiple papers at esteemed conferences (see Publications), showcasing innovative approaches and findings. Developed and maintained a comprehensive GitHub repository and demonstrated a live application.

### Skills:

- **Machine Learning & AI:** Proficient in YOLOv7, TensorFlow, PyTorch
- **Python Programming:** Extensive experience in Python for data analysis, machine learning, and back-end development
- **Front-End Development:** Skilled in HTML, CSS, JavaScript
- **Kubernetes and Kafka:** Proficient in deployment and real-time data processing
- **Advanced Git and CI/CD Pipelines:** Expertise in version control and CI/CD pipelines
- **GitHub Actions:** Implemented automated build and deployment processes
- **Data Analysis and Visualization:** Competent with Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib

**GitHub Repository:** <https://github.com/hiteshkotte/DFKI-fitsight> 📄

### Contact for this Project:

- Milos Kravcik - [Milos.Kravcik@dfki.de](mailto:Milos.Kravcik@dfki.de)

06/2022 – 12/2022  
Saarbrücken, Germany

### Testing Manager,

#### CTC Advanced GmbH

Achievements/Tasks:

- **Smart Card Technologies.**
- Performed testing with Visa and Mastercards for "Tap for Pay" feature.
- **Smart Card Standards:** Proficient in ISO/IEC 7816 and ISO/IEC 14443 standards for smart cards.
- **Security Protocols:** Experienced with cryptographic algorithms and protocols, such as AES, DES, and RSA.
- **Automated Testing Tools:** Skilled in using automated testing tools and frameworks for smart card validation.
- **Risk Assessment:** Conducted risk assessments to identify vulnerabilities in smart card systems.
- **Data Analysis:** Analyzed test data to identify trends & improve product performance.

- 01/2022 – 06/2022  
Saarbrücken, Germany

**Research Assistant,**  
**Cispa Helmholtz Center for Information Security (CISPA)**  
 Achievements/Tasks:
 
  - Research on Multi-sensor Fusion for Autonomous Vehicles.
  - Security for Autonomous Driving Vehicles
 Contact : Mridula Singh - Singh@cispa.de
- 01/2020 – 04/2020

**Graduate Engineer Trainee,**  
 Xcelerator - Learn By Doing  
 Achievements/Tasks:
 
  - Implement ML ideas for suggestion engine on the webpage.
  - Responsible for maintaing the suggestion engine webpage.

## Education

- 10/2022 – present  
Saarbrücken, Germany

**Saarland University**  
*Master of Science (M.Sc)*  
**Specialization: Data Science and Artificial Intelligence**
  - Topics in Algorithmic Data Analysis
  - Image Processing and Computer Vision
  - High Level Computer Vision
  - Neural Networks: Theory and Implementation
  - Artificial Intelligence
  - Architectural Thinking for Intelligent Systems
  - Human Computer Interaction
- 06/2016 – 06/2020  
Bengaluru, India

**CMR University**  
*Bachelor of Science (B. Sc)*  
**Specialization: Computer Science Engineering (CSE)**
  - Security
  - Linux and Shell Programming
  - Machine Learning
  - Data Structures
  - Deep Learning
  - Software Engineering
  - Artificial Intelligence

## Skills

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| Docker and Kubernetes |           | CI/CD & Version control : Git     |           |
| Data Visualization    |           | Natural Language Processing (NLP) |           |
| Data Science          |           | Artificial Intelligence           |           |
| SQL                   |           | Computer Vision                   |           |
| Python Programming    | ● ● ● ● ● | R Programming                     | ● ● ● ● ● |
| C                     | ● ● ● ● ● | C++                               | ● ● ● ● ● |

## Languages

| English    | German                                      | Telugu          |
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| IELTS: 8.0 | Saarland University (German Couse): 1.3 GPA | Native Language |

## Awards

- 30/01/2020

**Certificate of Excellence**  
 Xcelerator
 
  - Awarded certificate of excellence for the Face Recognition project.


## Projects

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- 01/2023 – present      **Augmented Intelligence in Tutoring Systems**  
*A Case Study in Real-time Pose Tracking to Enhance the Self-Learning of Fitness Exercises.*
- Performed research on self learning methods for fitness exercises.
  - Implemented a YOLO model to detect the pose estimation.
  - Published a paper to ECTEL and UMAP.
- 07/2022 – present      **Multi Sensor Fusion for Autonomous Vehicles**  
*Trying to implement a fusion approach to fuse sensors for an autonomous vehicles for safe and secure drive.*
- Performed research on Security domain and Machine Learning domain.
  - Collect real world data using Google maps API and also collected simulator data using LGSVL Simulator.
- 07/2019 – 05/2020      **Face Recognition (07/2019 - 05/2020)**
- Performed research on Face recognition models.
  - Implemented the model from the learnings of Andrew NG.

## Publications

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- 28/08/2023      **Augmented Intelligence in Tutoring Systems: A Case Study in Real-Time Pose Tracking to Enhance the Self-learning of Fitness Exercises**   
*Springer ECTEL-2023*
- 08/09/2023      **Real-Time Posture Correction in Gym Exercises: A Computer Vision-Based Approach for Performance Analysis, Error Classification, and Feedback**  
*MILeS 2023 - the Third International Workshop on Multimodal Immersive Learning Systems, part of the Eighteenth European Conference on Technology Enhanced Learning (EC-TEL 2023)*
- 01/05/2024      **FitSight: Tracking and Feedback Engine for Personalized Fitness Training**  
*In Proceedings of the 32nd ACM Conference on User Modeling, Adaptation and Personalization (UMAP '24), July 1–4, 2024, Cagliari, Italy.*
- 01/05/2024      **IMPECT-POSE: A Complete Front-end and Back-end Architecture for Pose Tracking and Feedback**  
*In Proceedings of the 32nd ACM Conference on User Modeling, Adaptation and Personalization (UMAP '24), July 1–4, 2024, Cagliari, Italy.*