# Ishaan Thakur

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EDUCATION

Cornell University

M.Eng., Electrical & Computer Engineering (Early Admit)

Ithaca, NY Exp. Dec 2021

B.S., Electrical & Computer Engineering; Minor, Computer Science (GPA: 3.7) Exp. Dec 2020

Relevant Coursework: Algorithms, Database Systems, Systems Programming (TA), Optimization Theory, Machine Learning, Networks, Operating Systems, Data Structures, Image Processing

Professional Experience On Pepper LLC

New York, NY

Software Engineering Intern - Voice Integration Team

May 2020 - Aug 2020

- Created an Enterprise Knowledge Graph for fund asset data using sentence segmentation, parsing dependency trees through NER, and relation/predicate extraction via spaCy's rule-based matching.
- Developed a chatbot for managing multiple user queries and internal app plugins via DialogFlow, MongoDB; ran A/B tests on 100+ users which recorded retention rate for voice search engagement.
- Added authentication services to the Asset Analysis platform for handling multiple login requests.

TestAIng.com

Remote

Software Engineering Intern - Machine Learning Team

Jun 2020 – Jul 2020

- Designed and implemented a custom neural-net model (CNN with BERT embeddings) capable of performing slot filling and intent classification task on user search queries with 97% accuracy.
- Evaluated interpretability of text classifiers and setup testing frameworks to audit ML models.

# ESnet, Lawrence Berkeley National Lab

Berkeley, CA

Software Engineering Intern - Scientific Network Team

May 2019 - Aug 2019

- Built a dashboard capable of collecting service quality metrics, monitoring network security and allowing real-time debugging on the network packets received from telemetry adapters.
- Improved High Touch Services for Network engineers using Node and React. Impact: Improved rendering speed by 10x; added support for 100 Gbps data transfer and packet features filtering.

#### Autonomous Systems Lab, Cornell University

Ithaca, NY

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Sep 2018 - Nov 2018

• Collaborated with PhD students on developing a robust MATLAB GUI capable of receiving beacon information and range estimation over WiFi from a robot platform with an accuracy of 89%.

#### Swarm Robotix LLC

Nokia Bell Labs, Naperville, IL

Software Engineering Intern - Sensor Software and Controls Team

May 2018 – Jul 2018

- Successfully designed a localization system for autonomous mobile robots in ROS using C++.
- Implemented visual SLAM with distributed formation control for mapping unknown environment.
- Used Dynamic Window Approach Algorithms to improve existing pathing implementation by 67%.

# WaggleNet, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Champaign, IL

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Mar 2018 – May 2018

- Built a data-logger in Arduino that reads and displays data from various sensors in a mesh network with an accuracy of more than 95%.
- Added features such as user mocking and Oauth single sign-on to the website for secure user login.

Project Highlights

# Over-the-Air Deep Learning Based Radio Signal Classification

• Implemented a 6-layer Residual Neural Network in PyTorch to classify time-series data, obtained from measuring signals with low-SNR, into one of 10 modulation types with  $\sim 60\%$  accuracy.

# React Weather App O

• Developed and deployed a RESTful web app in React using the OpenWeatherMap API that displays the current weather data of the queried location.

Programming Experience Languages: Proficient: Java, C++, Python | Familiar: C, JavaScript, HTML, CSS, Go, Verilog Tools: Git, LaTeX, Cloud (AWS, Firebase), Databases (MongoDB, InfluxDB, MySQL), Web (Node.js, React, Express, Angular, WebSocket), Machine Learning (Keras/TensorFlow, PyTorch)

Awards + Involvement Dean's List; Top 10% Kaggle in-class ML competition (2020); Second Place, Cornell Robotics Competition (2019); First Place, ECE Pulse Design Competition (2018); Completed Deep Learning Specialization [Andrew Ng] (2018); First Place, Innovation Idea fair, UIUC (2017); Top 5 teams, Northwestern Hackathon (2017); ACSU (2018 – Present); IEEE (2017 – Present)