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EDUCATION

• Purdue University

B.S. of Computer Science & Artificial Intelligence - 4.0 GPA

August 2024 - May 2027

West Lafayette, Indiana

SKILLS

- **AI/ML:** LLM (LangChain, RAG, CoT/Reasoning, RLHF), Agents, MCP, PyTorch, Tensorflow, GAN, RL, Diffusion, Graph Neural Networks
- **Data Science:** Numpy, Pandas, PostgreSQL, NoSQL
- **Languages & Frameworks:** Python, Java, C++, C, JS/TS, HTML/CSS, React, Flask, Gradle
- **Quantum Computing:** Qiskit, VQE, QAOA, Quantum ML
- **Other:** REST API, AWS System Design, GCP, OAuth, Git, Docker, Linux

EXPERIENCE

• Machine Learning Engineering Intern

Peraton Labs (Internship & Part-Time Co-op)

Jun 2025 - Present

Silver Spring, MD

- Developed a novel reinforcement learning (RL) agent for IoT malware detection, reducing exploration latency by 35% and increasing detection coverage by 25% compared to brute-force baselines.
- Built a heterogeneous graph neural network with autoencoders to model inter-device relationships and accelerate RL policy convergence, improving anomaly detection accuracy.

• Computer Vision Software Engineer

Memories.ai (Part-Time)

Feb 2025 - Aug 2025

Remote

- Engineered and deployed a scalable video memory framework for AR applications, enabling persistent spatial and contextual awareness while optimizing throughput for speed and scalability.
- Designed and published a Python SDK for the Mavi platform (<https://pypi.org/project/pymavi/>), streamlining developer workflows for video analysis.

• Undergraduate Robotics Researcher

IDEAS Lab, Purdue University (Part-Time)

Mar 2025 - Jun 2025

West Lafayette, IN

- Built real-time SLAM and novel view-synthesis pipelines in Python and C++, improving 3D scene reconstruction accuracy by 25% while ensuring deployment safety and reliability.
- Optimized autonomous navigation algorithms, reducing mapping latency through performance tuning.

• Undergraduate Data Engineer

The Data Mine Corporate Partners, Purdue University (Part-Time)

Aug 2024 - Dec 2024

West Lafayette, IN

- Designed an end-to-end weed detection pipeline with Python, TensorFlow, and PostgreSQL; optimized queries for 40% faster data retrieval.
- Built semantic segmentation and localization models for drone-based weed detection, reducing herbicide usage by 60% and improving efficiency 50% over ground-vehicle methods.

• ML Science & Engineering Apprenticeship

Naval Research Laboratory (Full-Time)

Jun 2023 - Aug 2023

Washington, D.C.

- Led a 4-member team applying UNets, Transformers, and GANs to underwater acoustics, improving transmission loss prediction accuracy by 20% compared to physics-based models.
- Prototyped and deployed a secure Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) system, ensuring data confidentiality and operational reliability.

PROJECTS

• In The Loop

Ongoing

Tools: Next.js, React, TypeScript, Tailwind CSS, Vercel

<https://in-the-loop-ai.vercel.app/>

- Developed a platform to streamline AI interactions by reducing token wastage and clarifying user intent, improving efficiency of LLM-driven workflows.
- Implemented streaming with a deployed LangGraph agent backend to handle within-thread communications and user interrupts.

• Storytime.ai

Ongoing

Tools: Next.js, React, TypeScript, Tailwind CSS, Vercel

<https://storytime-sepia.vercel.app/>

- Built an AI-driven news aggregation platform that clusters stories and updates, reducing information overload and improving content personalization.
- Integrated GPT-4o for dynamic summarization, making use of vector databases for efficient similarity search.

• Personal Website

Ongoing

Tools: Next.js, React, TypeScript, Tailwind CSS, Vercel, Pinecone, AWS S3, Python

<https://github.com/karthikcsq/personalsite>

- Developed and deployed a personal portfolio site with Vercel and AWS S3, showcasing projects, blogs, and image galleries; optimized for CDN-based global delivery.
- Integrated a Pinecone-powered RAG pipeline to enable semantic search across Markdown-based project documentation.

• Verbatim

Feb 2025

Tools: OpenAI APIs, Google Cloud APIs, Next.js, Vercel

<https://github.com/karthikcsq/verbatim>

- Created a multi-function video platform for summarization, translation, voice cloning, and lip-sync, deployed at <https://www.getverbatim.tech>.
- Automated workflows with Whisper (ASR), GPT-4o (summarization), Google Translate (translation), Eleven Labs (voice cloning), and Twelve Labs (video Q&A).

• Photonic Implementation of Quantum Key Distribution

Oct 2023 – May 2024

Tools: Oscilloscope, Python, NumPy

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2509.04389>

- Built and aligned a photonic QKD prototype using lasers, polarizers, phase modulators, and beamsplitters to implement polarization-based key exchange.
- Automated data parsing and thresholding (0.004 mW cutoff) for bit-sequence extraction, basis sifting, and noise analysis with Python.

• Quantum Racer (Educational Android Game)

Aug 2022 – Dec 2022

Tools: Java, Android SDK, Gradle, XML Layouts

https://github.com/karthikcsq/QuantumCarGame_Self

- Designed and implemented an educational Android game translating quantum mechanics concepts (superposition, measurement, decoherence) into racing gameplay.
- Delivered complete game physics, touch-input UI, and asset pipeline, packaging the final APK for distribution and educational outreach.