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EDUCATION

Purdue University

May 2027

B.S. of Computer Science & Artificial Intelligence (Double Major) - 3.93 GPA

West Lafayette, Indiana

Courses: Data Structures & Algorithms, Computer Architecture, Programming in C, Competitive Programming, OOP

SKILLS

- **Languages:** Python, Java, C/C++, JavaScript, SQL, React, Flask, Next.js
- **Cloud & DevOps:** AWS, S3, EC2, Lambda, GCP, Docker, Git, CI/CD, Linux, REST API
- **AI/ML:** LLM (LangChain, RAG, CoT/Reasoning, RLHF), Agents, MCP, PyTorch, GAN, RL, Diffusion
- **Quantum Computing:** Qiskit, VQE, QAOA, Quantum ML

EXPERIENCE

• Peraton Labs

Jun 2025 - Present

Machine Learning Engineering Intern

Silver Spring, MD

- Developed RL agent for IoT malware detection using PyTorch and graph neural networks, reducing exploration latency by 35% and increasing detection coverage by 25% across 500K+ daily device events.
- Built large-scale data analytics ETL pipelines and heterogeneous graph architecture with autoencoders to model device communication patterns, accelerating policy convergence by 40%.

• Memories.ai

Feb 2025 - Aug 2025

Computer Vision Researcher

Remote

- Architected video memory framework for AR applications processing 10K+ streams using Python, Flask, and PostgreSQL, achieving 60% throughput improvement through frame sampling optimization.
- Published Python SDK on PyPI with 2K+ downloads, implementing async processing and REST API integration for video analysis workflows.

• IDEAS Lab

Mar 2025 - Jun 2025

Undergraduate Robotics Researcher

West Lafayette, IN

- Built real-time SLAM pipeline in C++ and Python with sensor fusion and Kalman filtering, improving 3D reconstruction accuracy by 25% and reducing latency by 30%.
- Implemented neural radiance fields for novel view synthesis, generating photorealistic scene reconstructions for autonomous navigation.

• AgRPA

Aug 2024 - Dec 2024

Undergraduate Data Engineer

West Lafayette, IN

- Built weed detection pipeline processing 200GB+ drone imagery with Python, TensorFlow, and PostgreSQL, optimizing ETL workflows for 40% faster retrieval.
- Engineered U-Net and YOLOv11 segmentation models achieving 92% accuracy on 50K+ images through agile sprints, reducing herbicide usage by 60% and costs by \$150K annually.

• Naval Research Laboratory

Jun 2023 - Aug 2023

ML Science & Engineering Apprenticeship

Washington, D.C.

- Led 4-engineer team developing UNet, Transformer, and GAN models for underwater acoustics, improving transmission loss prediction accuracy by 20% over physics-based simulations.
- Architected secure RAG system with LangChain and vector embeddings for classified document retrieval, reducing query response time by 65%.

PROJECTS

- **Repple** Ongoing
Tools: Python (FastAPI), Supabase, PostgreSQL, OpenAI API, Pydantic <https://www.linkedin.com/company/repplleapp>
 - Built FastAPI and PostgreSQL backend with real-time game state synchronization for iOS app with 200+ active users.
 - Developed a competitive gamification engine featuring custom ELO matchmaking algorithms, automated cron-based point aggregation, and generative AI workout plans that adapt to user performance metrics.
- **buildpurdue** Ongoing
Tools: Next.js, Vercel, Supabase, PostgreSQL <https://buildpurdue.org>
 - Co-founded a campus accelerator supporting 15 student startups, providing resources that enabled teams to validate core problems and refine go-to-market strategies.
 - Forged partnerships with 4 VC firms and industry mentors, creating a direct pipeline for student founders to secure feedback and potential pre-seed funding.
- **Caladrius (HackGT - 2nd Place)** Sep 2025
Tools: React Native, Python, LangGraph, GPT-5, AWS S3, REST API, Next.js <https://github.com/karthikcsq/Caladrius>
 - Architected cross-platform AI triage app with encrypted QR-based data transfer and zero-knowledge architecture for HIPAA compliance.
 - Built multi-agent diagnostic system with LangGraph achieving 85% triage accuracy, integrating REST API backend with AWS S3 for secure storage.
- **Personal Portfolio & Blog Platform** Ongoing
Tools: Next.js, TypeScript, React, Tailwind CSS, Pinecone, AWS S3, Python, Vercel <https://github.com/karthikcsq/personalsite>
 - Developed full-stack portfolio with Next.js and AWS S3 CDN on Vercel, achieving 95+ Lighthouse score and sub-1-second load times with automated CI/CD.
 - Implemented RAG-powered semantic search using Pinecone and GPT-4 embeddings, processing 100+ technical blog posts for content discovery.
- **Verbatim** Feb 2025
Tools: Next.js, Python, OpenAI API, Google Cloud, Vercel, REST API <https://github.com/karthikcsq/verbatim>
 - Created video processing platform integrating Whisper, GPT-4o, Eleven Labs, and Twelve Labs APIs for transcription, translation, voice cloning, and lip-sync, processing 500+ videos.
 - Architected serverless async pipeline on Vercel handling 2GB files with job queues and webhook notifications, reducing wait time by 85%.
- **Photonic Implementation of Quantum Key Distribution** Oct 2023 – May 2024
Tools: Python, NumPy, Oscilloscope, Optics Hardware <https://arxiv.org/abs/2509.04389>
 - Built polarization-based QKD prototype achieving 95% photon detection rate and demonstrating secure key exchange over 5m fiber optic channel.
 - Automated signal processing pipeline with Python and NumPy for bit extraction and QBER analysis, processing 10K+ samples; published on arXiv.
- **Quantum Racer** Aug 2022 – Dec 2022
Tools: Java, Android SDK, Gradle, XML https://github.com/karthikcsq/QuantumCarGame_Self
 - Designed educational Android game simulating quantum mechanics with custom physics engine and MVC architecture using Java.
 - Distributed APK for educational outreach, reaching 100+ students in quantum computing workshops.