KARTHIK THYAGARAJAN

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EDUCATION

Purdue University

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

August 2024 - May 2027 (Expected) West Lafayette, Indiana

SKILLS

- AI/ML: Deep Learning, LLM (LangChain, RAG Implementation, CoT/Reasoning Models, RLHF, Decision-Making), Agents, MCP, PyTorch, Tensorflow, Adversarial Learning (GANs), RL, Diffusion, Graph Neural Networks
- Data Science: Numpy, Pandas, PostgreSQL, NoSQL
- Languages & Frameworks: Python, Java, C++, C, JavaScript/TypeScript, HTML/CSS, React, Flask, Gradle
- Quantum Computing: Qiskit, VQE, QAOA, Quantum ML
- Other: REST APIs, SDK Development, AWS, Google Cloud, OAuth, Git, Docker, Linux

EXPERIENCE

• Machine Learning Researcher

Jun 2025 - Present

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

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 Researcher

Feb 2025 - Aug 2025

Memories.ai (Part-Time)

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 (PyPI':
 'https://pypi.org/project/pymavi/), streamlining developer workflows for video analysis.'

• Undergraduate Robotics Researcher

Mar 2025 - Jun 2025

IDEAS Lab, Purdue University (Part-Time)

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 Science Researcher

Aug 2024 - Dec 2024

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

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 Apprentice

Jun 2023 - Aug 2023

Naval Research Laboratory (Full-Time)

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.

• 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/TheXDShrimp/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-40 (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.