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#### **EDUCATION**

University of Southern California

**January 2021 – Exp. Dec 2022** 

Master of Science in Computer Science (Artificial Intelligence Specialization)

GPA: 4/4

University of Mumbai, India

**August 2014 – June 2018** 

Bachelor of Technology in Computer Engineering; Department Rank: 1

## **EXPERIENCE**

#### **Information Sciences Institute, USC**

February 2021 - Present

Research Assistant, Centre of Knowledge Graphs

Los Angeles, CA

GPA: 9.56 / 10

- Constructed a framework for identifying low quality statements in Wikidata knowledge graph amongst **1.1 billion** statements on the basis of deleted, deprecated statements and constraint violations.
- Enhanced the **graph embeddings** of nodes using retrofitting based on structural, textual properties obtained from **Wikidata**, **Probase and DBPedia** datasets.

## **Barclays Global Service Centre**

**July 2018 – December 2020** 

Software Developer, Barclaycard UK

Pune, India

- Devised a prototype fraud detection system to identify mule accounts by building a pipeline of **Kafka** queues, **Cassandra DB** and **PySpark** servers having an ensemble of ML models.
- Designed a tweets **sentiment analysis** engine which fetches tweets where Barclays accounts were tagged in real-time to enable quick response achieving an accuracy of around **90** % in pilot runs.
- Created a classifier application utilizing **ML algorithm Latent Dirichlet Allocation** to extract insights by generating ontologies from iOS and Android application reviews and customer complaints.
- Spearheaded the design of a system that helps in connecting the colleagues with available bandwidth and skillsets with the colleagues needing assistance in their work, using **AngularJS**, **Java**, **MySQL**, saving more than **900 man-hours** annually.
- Implemented **dashboards** for automated generation of real-time delivery metrics of more than 30 teams from Agile Central and Jira data sources which have been saving around **150 man-hours** annually. Bagged the **Barclays Award of Stewardship** for this initiative.

#### **PROJECTS**

- Alexa Social Bot Contributed to the development of Alexa social bot including conversational elements such as **Sentence BERT**, offensive speech classification, **SNIPS NLU** intent classifier, **FSMs**, **DialoGPT** and other neural text generation modules.
- VeriSign [Demo Link] [Github Link] Deployed a web application to verify signatures and to detect forgery which achieved an accuracy of 96 % by training a Convolutional Siamese Network using the concept of One-Shot Learning.
- Pneumonia Detection from Chest X-Ray Scans [Github Link] Trained a CNN on Chest X-Ray Scans with histogram equalization achieving 94.56 % accuracy and a recall score of 0.97.
- ML Virtual Labs [Demo Link] Led a team of three to enable a web learning platform for ML concepts such as neural networks, learning rules and optical character recognition. This lab has won the Global Online Laboratory Consortium International Lab Award.

## **PUBLICATIONS & ARTICLES**

- "A Study of the Quality of Wikidata". Preprint submitted to Elsevier, July 2021. [paper link]
- "Keystroke Dynamics Analysis and Prediction", Towards Data Science, Jan 2021. [Part 1 (EDA), Part 2 (Model Training)]
- "Real-time Indian Sign Language (ISL) Translation", 9th International Conference on Computing, Communication and Networking Technologies (ICCCNT). Published in IEEE Xplore, October 2018. [paper link] [Github link]
- "An Effective Pixel-Wise Approach for Skin Colour Segmentation Using Pixel Neighbourhood Technique", International Journal on Recent and Innovation Trends in Computing and Communication (IJRITCC), 2018. [paper link]

## **SKILLS**

**Programming Languages:** Python, C++, Java, JS

Machine Learning: TensorFlow, Pandas, Keras, Scikit-

learn, NLTK, Spacy

Frameworks: OpenCV, Numpy, Matplotlib, Kafka

Web: LAMP stack, Angular4, NodeJS, Flask
Database: MySQL, MongoDB, CassandraDB

Tools: AWS (EC2, RDS, S3, EKS, Comprehend), Git,

Firebase, Matlab, Google Colab, Heroku

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS & INVOLVEMENTS**

- Semifinalist of Alexa Socialbot Grand Challenge 4 (2020-2021) as part of Team Viola.
- Sir Dorabji Tata Trust scholarship for securing 1st Rank in a class of 120 students during undergraduate studies.
- 'Vice-President Membership' of Barclays Pune 2 Toastmasters Club (January 2019 June 2019).
- Member of Junior Chambers International Club (2019) contributing to social service causes such as afforestation, blood donation.
- Recruitment Coordinator during under-graduation, managing logistics for around 40 companies and 800 students.