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## **Education**

#### B.E. Computer Science with a Minor in Data Science,

Oct 2021 - Aug 2025

Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani

**CGPA: 9.23** 

Institute Merit Scholarship Awardee - tuition fee waiver for excellent academic performance (top 3%)

Relevant Coursework: Operating Systems, Computer Networks, Network Programming, Compiler Construction, Database Systems, Object Oriented Programming, Machine Learning, Foundations of Data Science, Probability and Statistics, Linear Algebra

# **Professional Experience**

Atlassian, Software Engineer Intern Z

Jun 2024 - Jul 2024

- Developed a **Java Spring Boot RESTful API** to retrieve repository data and **Software Bill of Materials** (SBOM), enabling insights into **end-of-life dependencies**, **licensing**, and **compliance** issues
- Implemented React-based interfaces for dynamic SBOM visualization

Jio Platforms, Summer Intern 🖸

May 2023 - Jul 2023

- Part of Jio Engage 
  worked on developing models to create face filters to boost user engagement
- Implemented various semantic segmentation models for hair segmentation using PyTorch and Keras
- Integrated the hair segmentation model with a **face detection** pipeline to create a **segmentation mask** of hair, achieving a **98% pixel accuracy** and a **91% mean IOU**

# **Projects**

# Improving Adversarial Attacks using Membership Inference

Aug 2023 – present

- Explored various **membership inference attacks** how they can be leveraged to enhance **adversarial attacks** against various **machine learning models** under the guidance of *Dr. Hemant Rathore*
- **Proposed a novel attack** method leveraging membership information to improve adversarial attack effectiveness, achieving a 17% increase in fooling rate with 15% less data
- Paper accepted for publication and presentation at IEEE Consumer Communications and Networking Conference (IEEE CCNC 2025)

#### Upgradable Smart Contracts,

Nov 2023 - present

Data, Systems and High Performance Computing Lab

- Working under *Dr. Arnab K. Paul* ☑ on the **mutability** of **Ethereum smart contracts** post-deployment while ensuring **trust** using the **EIP-2535 Diamond Standard**
- Utilized abstract syntax trees (ASTs) to convert standard smart contracts into diamond pattern contracts
- Set up a proof-of-stake Ethereum testnet, monitoring gas and system metrics with Prometheus and Grafana

## Comparing Linear Decision Trees and ReLU Neural Networks

- Compared various tree-based models and ReLU neural networks, showing theoretical equivalence with ReLU neural networks in binary classification
- Analyzed model performance on synthetic and real-world datasets, assessing noise, complexity, and dataset size
- Paper accepted for presentation and publication at IEEE Consumer Communications and Networking Conference (IEEE CCNC 2025)

#### **Awards**

# Vimarsh 5G Hackathon Winner,

Bureau of Police Research and Development, Ministry of Home Affairs, Department of Telecom and TCoE-India

- Awarded first place in a national hackathon ☑, securing a prize of Rs. 1,50,000
- Developed a machine learning-based intrusion detection system tailored for law enforcement agencies
- Integrated explainability techniques like LIME and SHAP to ensure regulatory compliance and transparency

### Extracurriculars

#### **Competitive Programming,** Specialist on Codeforces

## Nirmaan Organization, Core Member

- Part of Project Shiksha, helped prepare students from nearby underprivileged areas for the JNVST scholarship exam
- Took an active part in teaching and mentoring over 20 students, 2 of whom successfully cleared the exam