Kunal Pai

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EDUCATION

M.S., Computer Science, University of California, Davis (GPA: 4.0/4.0)

B.S., Computer Science & Engineering, University of California, Davis (GPA: 3.8/4.0)

Expected: June 2026 June 2023

RELEVANT SKILLS

Languages: Python, C++, C, JavaScript, Java

ML/AI: TensorFlow, PyTorch, scikit-learn, LLMs, Prompt Engineering, Ollama, Hugging Face, Multi-agent Systems

Web/Data: React, Next.js, Django, Flask, MongoDB, pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib

Tools: Git, Docker, Unix/Linux, gem5, Jupyter, LLVM, Clang

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Intern, AIISC @ University of South Carolina

Jul 2025 - Present

- Onboarded to the Composite AI for Enterprise program, exploring integrations of neuro-symbolic reasoning and LLMs
- · Developing early-stage ideas around culturally grounded reasoning, with a focus on Indian epistemologies and decision logic
- · Collaborating with researchers on frameworks for enterprise knowledge graphs and hybrid agent architectures

Graduate Student Researcher, DavSec Lab @ UC Davis

Apr 2025 - Present

- · Built an automated pipeline for C-to-Rust transpilation using LLMs, targeting secure systems migration
- Identified Halstead vocabulary as the strongest metric for predicting translation difficulty
- · Validated lightweight semantic augmentations (e.g., filename context) that improved functional accuracy by 5%
- Benchmarked state-of-the-art LLMs across 746 C/C++ programs, achieving 70.2% functional accuracy with best prompt design

Graduate Student Researcher, DECAL Lab @ UC Davis

Sept 2022 - Dec 2024

- Developed a 2,250-sample dataset for pairwise code-documentation alignment from 200 open-source Python projects, enabling future research in software maintenance
- · Engineered a pipeline for measuring calibration and correctness of large language models for code repair, using Defects4J
- Collaborated in validating efficacy of semantic augmentation of language model prompts for code summarization using precision and recall metrics like ROUGE and METEOR

PUBLICATIONS (SELECTED)

CoDocBench: A Dataset for Code-Documentation Alignment in Software Maintenance, Pai, K., Devanbu, P. & Ahmed, T., Mining Software Repositories (MSR) 2025: Data and Tool Showcase Track

Calibration and Correctness of Language Models for Code, Spiess, C., Gros, D., Pai, K., et. al., International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE) 2025

Automatic Semantic Augmentation of Language Model Prompts (for Code Summarization), Ahmed, T., Pai, K., Devanbu, P. & Barr, E. T., International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE) 2025

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

HASHIRU: Hierarchical, Resource-Aware Multi-Agent Framework

March 2025 - Present

Entrepreneurial Research Venture

Python, LLMs, Multi-Agent Systems

- Designed and deployed a multi-agent architecture enabling dynamic, LLM-driven collaboration across diverse tasks
- · Implemented task decomposition with intelligent agent delegation based on resource cost models and task specialization
- · Engineered autonomous generation of tools and APIs for task execution
- · Developed a robust evaluation framework for agent performance across complex, multi-step tasks

gem5 Vision

Jan 2023 - Jun 2023

Resource Discovery Framework

Next.js, Python, MongoDB, JSON Schema

- · Accelerated resource discovery 20× for 1,200+ gem5 artifacts by optimizing search and categorization logic
- Implemented categorization and semantic versioning across 20+ resource types to streamline retrieval
- · Integrated local and remote JSON schemas with MongoDB, improving accessibility for 500+ users