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#### **EDUCATION**

 ${\bf The\ University\ of\ Manchester} - {\bf Manchester}, {\bf United\ Kingdom}$ 

Sep 2023 — Jun 2026

BSc (Hons.) Computer Science

Expected: First-Class

- Year 1: 84%
- Courses: Data Structures and Algorithms, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Distributed Systems, Database Systems, Data Science.

# JSS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL — Dubai, United Arab Emirates

 $\mathrm{Jun}\ 2015 - \mathrm{Mar}\ 2023$ 

High School Diploma - affiliated with CISCE

**Grade:** 96.75%

- ISC Grade 12: Computer Science (100%), Mathematics (99%), Physics (98%), Chemistry (98%), English (90%).
- Co-founder, CollegePrep101, a student-led initiative.

#### **EXPERIENCE**

## HRBluSky, Pruvity Group

Apr 2023 — Aug 2023

Technology Intern

- Attained insight on Generative AI, utilising LLMs provided by OpenAI and Meta.
- Designed a working chat-bot to generate around 18 types of HR documents, planned to be incorporated in the system.
- Increased the efficiency of running basic operations around the workspace by 50%.
- Acquired skills in code documentation, presentation, testing and technical writing.
- Mentored under a Machine Learning expert to complete the project.

#### **PROJECTS**

## LetterBot - AI based Chat-bot to produce HR Documents

Apr 2023 — Aug 2023

Technology Intern, HRBluSky

- An AI-based chat-bot to create HR documents curated to inputs by the user.
- Streamlined the process of artificial document generation by 65%.
- Incorporated the OpenAI API in Python to develop the chat-bot.
- Implemented preprocessing of the commands and formatting the generated documents.
- Produced a custom fine-tuned model based on the GPT-3 from OpenAI.

## Encryption of data using the AES encryption algorithm in Java

Jan 2022 — Mar 2022

Project Link: https://github.com/manojmanikandan7/Cryptography

- Focused on encrypting data using the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES), a symmetric block cipher.
- Generated encrypted data along with a private key for decryption.
- Integrated a complementary decryption program which takes in the hashed data and private key to decrypt the data.
- $\bullet \ \ {\rm Gained\ elemental\ understanding\ of\ Cryptography\ and\ an\ insight\ into\ the\ challenges\ faced\ by\ cybersecurity\ professionals.}$

# LEADERSHIP AND AWARDS

# ${\bf University\ of\ Manchester} - {\bf Manchester}, {\bf United\ Kingdom}$

Sep 2023 — Jun 2026

- Awarded the prestigious Manchester International Excellence Scholarship 2023, presented only to 50 candidates out of around 3000 candidates.
- Planned and arranged StudentHack 2024 (mcrstudenthack.com), a university-wide hackathon, with around 170 participants.
- Nominated as a Student Representative for a class of around 300 Computer Science students.
- Peer Mentor (PASS) for around 20 underclassmen to provide academic and wellbeing support.

# JSS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL — Dubai, United Arab Emirates

 $\mathrm{Jun}\ 2015 - \mathrm{Mar}\ 2023$ 

- Received proficiency awards consistently from grades 9 to 12.
- Co-founder and Tech support at CollegePrep101, a student-led initiative. Increased college preparedness among students by about 40%.

# **CERTIFICATIONS**

### Deep Learning Specialization

Aug 2024

Credential Link: https://www.coursera.org/account/accomplishments/specialization/LR4ZVQP24B9B

• Courses completed: Neural Networks and Deep Learning, Improving Deep Neural Networks: Hyperparameter Tuning, Regularization and Optimization, Structuring Machine Learning Projects, Convolutional Neural Networks, Sequence Models.

#### **SKILLS**

- Programming and tools: Java, Python, C, C++, JavaScript, ReactJS, TypeScript, Tailwind CSS, HTML, PHP, ARMv7 assembly, Verilog, SystemVerilog, Jupyter, Pandas, NumPy, TensorFlow, Questa CAD toolchain.
- Technical: Convolutional Neural Networks, Recurrent Neural Networks, LSTMs, Language Models, Transformers, Deep Learning, Prompt Engineering, Encryption Algorithms, Information Security.