# Manvik Nanda

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### **EDUCATION**

# University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Masters in Computer Science and Engineering

2023 - 2024

## Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology

Bachelor of Technology, Computer Science and Engineering

2017 - 2021

• GPA: 9.64/10.00, Rank: Top 1%

Research Interests

Operating systems, Machine Learning for Systems, Efficient Software for Systems

# Research Experience

## Making Linux Fly

SysNet Group, UIUC

Prof. Tianyin Xu, Darko Marinov

• Worked on reliability of the coverage data generated by the "gcov" and "clang", for debian packages like "grep", "net-tools", "apache2"

## **Rust for Systems**

SysNet Group, UIUC

Prof. Tianyin Xu

 Worked on a design centered around safe Rust which will eliminate the need for eBPF's in-kernel verifier.

#### Meta Scheduler for IoT devices

CS 537, UIUC

Prof. Klara Nahrstedt

• Developed a priority-based meta scheduler. Tasks gets assigned a "nice" value based on its type before being scheduled.

## Work Experience

# Times of India Ltd. | Noida, India

2021-2023

- Designed a contextual ad recommendation engine using MiniLM BERT embeddings, boosting Click-Through Rate by 20% through improved targeting.
- Built and optimized data pipelines using Spark, processing over 100 million records daily to support scalable and efficient data preparation for machine learning models.
- Led the development of an internal MLOps platform and CI/CD pipelines, to enhance backend deployment reliability and efficiency.
- Tech Stack: Python, C, Spark, TensorFlow, Kafka, Docker, Agile methodologies.

## **PROJECTS**

#### Networking Optimization for IoT Mesh Networks

CS 439, UIUC

- Built a wireless mesh network using Raspberry Pis with the BATMAN protocol for outdoor connectivity.
- Achieved up to 12 Mbps on the best link, with re-routing triggered approximately 60 seconds after packet loss.
- Analyzed performance of routing metrics, including ETX and ETT, to assess network efficiency.

# **Virality Prediction**

TI Hack & Hustle

• Developed an LSTM model to predict the next potential viral video using data ingested from the YouTube v3 API, enabling proactive content recommendations.

**AWARDS** 

• Awarded \$4500, Computational methods for Social Media, Prof Tess McNulty

AND

• Second Prize, Boot.dev PokeApi hackathon

Honors

• Second Prize, East-Zonal National Tennis Championship

• Lead, Major Himalayan Trek, "Har ki Dun"

Skills

**Programming:** Python, C, C++, Unix Scripting.

Frameworks: Node.js, Apache Spark, PyTorch, TensorFlow.

Tools: AWS, Docker, Kubernetes, Redis