# Pranav Swaminathan

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#### **EDUCATION**

#### University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)

B.S. in Computer Science — Grainger College of Engineering

May 2026

Relevant Coursework: Data Structures & Algorithms, Database Systems, System Programming, Distributed Systems, Applied Parallel Programming, Artificial Intelligence, Principles of Safe Autonomy, Algorithms & Models of Computation, Computer Architecture, Software Design, Probability & Statistics, Numerical Methods, Discrete Structures, Linear Algebra with Computational Applications

## EXPERIENCE

### CME Group — Chicago, IL

Project Lead/Software Engineer Intern

March 2024 - August 2024

- Developed a **Java-based liquidity injector** application to provide real-time data for client trade simulation and algorithm testing, utilizing **Simple Binary Encoding (SBE)** and a **Kafka endpoint** for efficient data transmission
- Built an internal graph tool using **JavaScript** and **TypeScript** and testing with **JUnit**, allowing users to navigate and manage dependency and architectural component connectivity, increasing employee effectiveness and productivity
- Earned **second place** in a company-wide \$1000 CodeUp Hackathon by developing and implementing an optimal **Bollinger Bands trading algorithm** in **Java**, achieving high profit margins with low risk

# Formally Certified Automation and Learning Research Group — Champaign, IL

Computer Vision/Machine Learning Research Intern

August 2023 - Present

- o Investigate training-time methods including contrastive self-supervised learning, histogram equalization, and multiscale architectures to enhance image classifier robustness against common corruptions under guidance of Professor Gagandeep Singh
- Tested and evaluated Image Joint Embedding Predictive Architecture (I-JEPA) AI model using PyTorch on the ImageNet dataset, specifically comparing its performance against traditional supervised learning models
- Designed and employed a **custom evaluation framework** to assess model robustness, involving the creation of diverse test scenarios with both real-world and synthetic image distortions, aimed at identifying model vulnerabilities

#### Lavner Education — Chicago, IL

Software Engineer Intern

June 2023 - August 2023

- Developed and implemented C++ and SQL system solutions, optimizing the customer payment experience and increasing efficiency by 35%, resulting in a 20% reduction in customer payment errors
- Assisted senior employees in deploying a **Django based web interface** in order to increase data accessibility for the remote team and allow for more convenient access to viewing and inputting information

#### Illinois Space Society — Champaign, IL

Software Engineer

January 2023 – December 2023

- Developing **Python scripts** to automate the parsing of binary log files from flight data, enabling seamless integration with the flight log files database and facilitating users to visualize multiple graphs concurrently on a single screen
- Implementing an MQTT message transport protocol to enable efficient real-time data exchange for devices with limited network bandwidth; reducing data transmission latency by 30% and improving overall system performance
- Deployed an **ESP32**-based access point to empower multiple users with real-time access to ground station data such as **telemetry and control information** on users' phones

# Projects

#### Forward Pass Convolutional Neural Networks Optimizer

January 2024 - May 2024

- Implemented and optimized a high-performance neural-network convolutional layer forward pass using CUDA by utilizing streams, matrix unrolling, shared memory, tensor cores, and atomic operations
- Analyzed and fine-tuned CUDA kernels for optimal performance using profiling tools like Nsight Systems and Nsight-Compute, identifying bottlenecks and enhancing execution efficiency

#### Stock Market Price Predictor

August 2022 – December 2022

- Produced three different machine learning models (linear regression, time series forecasting: Facebook Prophet and ARIMA) using **Python** to determine the optimal machine learning model predictor of Google's stock price during a specific time frame
- o Proposed a conclusion that the ARIMA model was the best Google stock price predictor with an accuracy of 83%

## SKILLS

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

Tools: React, CUDA, Google Cloud Platform, Apache Kafka, Spring Boot, PyTorch, Cucumber, Git, Node.js, Pandas, NumPy, Django, MongoDB, Docker, Confluence

 $\label{lem:constraint} \textbf{Interests} : Software \ Development, \ Front-End \ Development, \ Back-End \ Development, \ Product \ Management, \ Consulting, \ Quantitative \ Trading, \ Finance \ and \ Economics, \ AI/ML, \ Computer \ Vision, \ Chess$