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EDUCATION

National Institute of Technology Delhi

Bachelor of Technology (CGPA: 8.44)

2020-24

EXPERIENCE

ThoughtSpot | Member of Technical Staff 2 | Java, Golang, React, Typescript, GraphQL Jul '24 - Present | Hyderabad

- Achieved a 90% reduction in homepage load time by migrating the internal Cassandra impressions database to a new schema, replacing per-view lookups with a unified views table that stores total views per user.
- Addressed a **security vulnerability** in the share API by implementing a Redis-based rate limiter after penetration testing exposed a missing rate limit, effectively controlling API request rates and mitigating abuse risks.
- Diagnosed and resolved a Mixpanel overtracking issue ahead of a renewal, reducing test event volume by 98.5% (20M to 300K) and saving \$30K.
- Added frontend support for **monitor alerts in Slack**, enabling users to receive data updates directly in Slack without opening the BI tool, increasing user engagement.

ThoughtSpot | Software Engineering Intern | React, Typescript, Playwright, Jest Jan '24 - Jun '24 | Hyderabad

- Migrated schema viewer from Angular to React by creating new React components and making GraphQL calls to the backend. Also helped to solve various design issues in old UI during migration
- Worked on **Filter and Sort feature** for worksheet tables and columns along with one team member. Collaborated with the backend team to update API to include **tags**, **authors and database info** to sort the tables.
- Implemented Knowledge Cards that tell users info about a selected table including database. schema, author etc. Made API calls to the backend
- Resolved **high priority bugs** in the existing code on a priority basis for the customer, with average time of 1-2 days to merge the changes into master.

ThoughtSpot | Software Engineering Intern | React, Typescript, Jest

Jun '23 - Jul '23 | Hyderabad

- Implemented 50+ accessibility improvements in the product's website
- Worked with **React.js** and **Typescript** to ensure website is accessible by **keyboard and screen readers**, especially for blind users and near-sighted users
- Collaborated with team to ensure that the website is in accordance with **WAI-ARIA** and **WCAG** international standards, achieving **Level A** accessibility certification

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Real Time Chatroom Application [Code+Screenshots]

- Implemented a Real Time Chatroom with Next.js for seamless server side rendering, and Clerk for authentication
- Integrated **UploadThing** for user uploaded images/videos to be sent in channels, which uses **AWS S3** under the hood, with file storage up to 2GB
- Ensured effective CRUD operations and server communication using the promise-based HTTP library Axios
- Facilitated real-time bidirectional communication across platforms using SocketIO

Golang News Reader (UI + Terminal) [Code]

- Developed a full-stack RSS reader with a Go backend, Preact frontend, and an interactive Terminal User Interface (TUI).
- Implemented a SQLite-based caching system and a RESTful API in Go for efficient feed management and content delivery.
- Suppports full article content extraction, TTS and integrated podcast media enclosure.

Photogram - An image sharing social media platform [Code] [Live]

- Launched Photogram, a dynamic image-sharing platform with secure user authentication using Firebase
- Implemented post, comments, home page and suggested users functionality for enhanced user engagement
- Utilized Zustand for efficient state management in the frontend, providing updates on any change in backend

SKILLS

- Languages: Java, Go, TypeScript, Python, C++, SQL
- Frameworks & Libraries: React, Next.js, Node.js, Angular, Flask, Jest, Playwright, Prisma, Pandas, Chakra UI, Bootstrap
- Tools & Platforms: Git, Firebase, Vercel, Heroku, VSCode, IntelliJ, LaTeX, Godot

ACHIEVMENTS

- Solved 600+ Data Structures and Algorithm problems on Leetcode [Link], rated 1764 on contests.
- Achieved a highest Rating of 1736 (Expert) in Codeforces [Link]
- Published paper **Study and Analysis of Plant Disease Identification Models** for ICIC3S Conference, available on [IEEE Explore] DOI: 10.1109/ICIC3S61846.2024.10603350