CHETAN CHAKU

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EDUCATION

University of Southern California, Viterbi School of Engineering

Master of Science in Computer Science

Relevant Coursework: Artificial Intelligence, Analysis of Algorithms

University of Pune, Pune Institute of Computer Technology

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Bachelor of Engineering in Information Technology

Maharashtra, India

Los Angeles, CA December 2023

June 2019

GPA: 4.0

Relevant Coursework: Data Structures, Machine Learning, Data Science & Big Data Analytics, Web Development

GPA: 3.8

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- Technical: Python, .NET/C#, Flask, MS SQL, Oracle, Angular, C++, Java, JavaScript, Django, Docker, Git, AWS, WordPress
- Interests: Machine Learning, Data Science, Computer Vision, Augmented Reality

EXPERIENCE

USC Information Sciences Institute - Student Research Worker, Los Angeles, CA

January 2018-Present

- Work under the Visual Intelligence and Multimedia Analytics Laboratory on developing an end-to-end system funded by DARPA and the Department of Health and Human Services for assessing the integrity of scientific publications.
- Research work on deep learning algorithms for identifying digital, physical, and semantic image and video manipulations.
- Responsible for development and management of docker enabled application built on Angular, Mongo DB, Milvus and Flask.

Credit Suisse - Software Development Engineer, Pune, India

July 2019-December 2021

- Led development and planning of a new product in Client Data Analytics Dept, working on inculcating intelligent recommendations for dynamic call list generation for 100+ sales employees to improve trade success rate using Data Analytics, PySpark, Oracle and Salesforce. Responsible for agile development and project planning along with managers of 3 other teams involved.
- Spearheaded requirement deliberations, coordinating with Business Analysts to ensure development team and clients are in sync.
- Managed a dashboard web application in Client Analytics Department, handling requirement changes for creation of APIs and frontend utilizing .NET 4.5 Framework/ C# and JavaScript deployed on Azure Cloud to fulfill client needs across 5 business areas.
- Felicitated with the Spartan award for exceptional contribution and collaboration with Wealth Management Department on migrating inhouse applications from Angular 2 to Angular 8 improving usability and performance.
- Developed new application features and views via PrimeNG and Material frontend libraries for Angular giving better usability.
- Created REST APIs on Java SpringBoot, operating on MS SQL data for consumption on new features for effective application use.

Dassault Systèmes - Machine Learning Intern, Pune, India

January 2018-September 2018

- Oversaw a team of 3 to design a web-based AI assisted learning platform offering course recommendations, optimized fuzzy search and natural language chat bot assistance.
- Design & Implement recommendation system module leveraging cosine similarity, user profile matching and collaborative filtering.
- Programmed frontend website using WordPress for integration and showcase of developed modules employing Flask/Python.

ACADEMIC PROJECTS

Safe-Pass

Masters in CS Spring, 2022

- Conceptualized Safe-Pass at G.R.I.D.S Hackathon 2022 at USC as a novel street navigation application enabling us to find safest path using multi-criteria parameters of crimes happening in locality.
- Supervised team of 4 to utilize actual LAPD data, Machine Learning, Clustering, Flask, JS and Open Route Service Geolocation, Distance Matrix APIs to focus on practical implementation of finding the safest path for everyday commuters.

Textual Description to Image Generation using GANs

Under graduation 8th Semester, 2019

- Constructed an architecture with PyTorch allowing two convolutional neural networks to be used in an adversarial approach for generating high-resolution images based on a textual description provided as input.
- Hosted project on AWS cloud as a progressive web app with mobile compatibility & used flask for easy interface with ML model.

PUBLICATIONS

International IEEE Conference Paper

March 2019

A Computational Evaluation of Distributed Machine Learning Algorithms

LEADERSHIP AND INVOLVEMENT

Technology Assistants at Credit Suisse - Senior Member, Pune, India

July 2019-December 2022

- Fostered a culture of financial literacy in new joiners in organization by organizing more than 6 events including online quizzes and speaker series over a period of two years.
- Mentored 3-5 small groups of freshers for creating innovative solutions to real problems faced by organization during 2 hackathons.

Just For Kicks - Volunteer, Pune, India

January 2020-December 2020

• Cooperated with NGOs to renovate local schools and teach 100+ students life skills and leadership qualities through soccer.