# **OMKAR POPATRAO SARDE**

## Software Engineer

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#### **EDUCATION:**

## **Master of Science in Computer Science**

December 2021

Rochester Institute of Technology

Rochester, NY

- Achievements: Graduate Merit Scholarship (August 2018 Present); GRE: 320/340; GPA: 3.48 / 4.00
- Courses: Algorithms Analysis, Object-oriented Design, SDLC, Machine Learning (ML), Data Mining & Analysis

#### **Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering**

May 2017

Savitribai Phule Pune University

India

#### **TECHNICAL SKILLS:**

- Languages: Python, Java, R, JavaScript, SQL, NoSQL
- Tools: Pytorch, Tensorflow, Keras, Scikit-learn, Scipy, NodeJS, React, Linux, AWS, Hadoop, Spark, Docker, Git
- Key Proficiencies: Software Development, Database Management, Design Patterns, ML, Deep Learning

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE:**

### **Graduate Research Assistant**

July 2020 - February 2021

**Rochester Institute of Technology** 

Rochester, NY

Python, Tensorflow, NLP, ML, CNN, GAN, VAE, LSTM, Segmentation, Recognition, Tracking

- Facilitated Human Object Interaction research by developing a dataset of 1000+ videos over 5+ categories by programming web crawlers; enhanced data collection speed by 40% with precision range 85% 90%.
- Implemented video-to-text models to annotate the dataset using Faster RCNN + LSTM. Model successfully generated vocabulary for 100+ objects achieving Bilingual Evaluation Understudy (BLEU) score of 71.8.

#### **Machine Learning Engineer**

**June 2017 - July 2018** 

**Horizon Geospace** 

India

Python, Java, R, SQL, Tensorflow, Hadoop, Tableau, NLP, ML, PCA, LDA, Statistical Modeling

- Engineered and executed hypothesis testing, A/B testing and built scalable ML and Deep Learning models to deliver inferences for 25 Proof of Concepts (POCs). POCs resulted in onboarding of 22 new customers.
- Devised 24 ETL pipelines to enable users to perform analytics at scale, reducing time to decision by 20%

#### **Engineering Intern**

August 2016 - May 2017

Defense Research and Development Organization HEMRL

India

Python, Java, Pytorch, Scikit-learn, NodeJs, React, Unit-Testing, Agile Methodology, ML

- Collaborated with scientists to replace manual testing of propellants with computer vision solution using CNN + GRU models; successfully simulating and predicting physical effects of pressure with 83% acc.
- Enhanced code base coverage from 67% to 85%, test coverage from 63% to 87% by refactoring and unittesting to update legacy system. Refactored system saved 110 ms in data load time.

#### **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:**

• Women in Computing (WiC) Hackathon, Volunteer, Rochester, NY.

2020, 2021

• Financial Literacy Campaigns for Women, Volunteer, India.

August 2014 - Present

# **PROJECTS:**

- **Covid19 Case Geo-location Tracker:** Constructed Covid19 data visualization dashboard and statistical trajectory prediction application. App utilizes SVM & random forest models to predict cases with 90% acc.
- Optical Character Recognizer (OCR): Developed OCR for handwritten text utilizing Line of Sight (LOS) Graph for segmentation, Neural Network for classification; successfully achieved avg. F-measure score of 74%.
- **Financial Portfolio Optimizer:** Implemented stock portfolio optimizer utilizing ARIMA, VAR, LSTM models to maximize profit and minimize risk. Achieved avg. Sharpe ratio of 1.7 for predictions for time delta of 7 days.