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Machine Learning Engineer
(Entry Level)

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Professional Experience

Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) 2021-2025

- Worked in disciplined, high-responsibility environments requiring strong problem-solving, accountability, and operational reliability
- Collaborated within structured, process-driven systems under time-critical and high-pressure conditions
- Transitioned into AI/ML through structured self-learning and hands-on engineering projects, applying analytical thinking and engineering discipline

Technical Skills

- Programming & Data: Python, SQL, Pandas, NumPy
- Machine Learning: Supervised Learning, Regression, Classification, Feature Engineering, Model Evaluation, Hyperparameter Tuning
- Deep Learning & CV: ANN, CNN, Mobilenet, Image Classification
- NLP & GenAI: RNN, LSTM RNN, GRU, Transformers, BERT, RAG, Embeddings, Vector Databases
- MLOps & Deployment: AWS (EC2, ECR), Docker, GitHub Actions, CI/CD, Streamlit

Tools & Technologies

- Docker, Git, GitHub
- AWS EC2, ECR
- Tensorflow, Keras
- SQL, Pandas, NumPy, Scikit-Learn
- Power BI

Education

- Bachelor of Technology in ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS ENGG. (2019)
- Diploma in ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS ENGG. (2016)

Languages

- English
- Hindi
- Telugu

Professional Summary

Machine Learning Engineer – Entry Level with practical experience building and deploying ML and GenAI systems through real-world, production-style projects involving AWS, Docker, and CI/CD pipelines. Strong foundation in data analysis, feature engineering, model training, evaluation, and optimization across ML, Deep Learning, Computer Vision, and NLP use cases. Career transitioner with a disciplined engineering background, actively seeking an entry-level ML/AI role to contribute to scalable, real-world AI solutions.

Practical Experience

- Student Performance Prediction System (End-to-End ML AWS | CI/CD)**
 - Tech: Python, SQL, Scikit-Learn, Docker, GitHub, AWS EC2, ECR, CI/CD
 - Built a full end-to-end Machine Learning system to predict student academic performance
 - using regression models
 - Performed EDA, feature engineering, model training, hyperparameter tuning, and evaluation
 - Trained and compared multiple regression models (Linear, Ridge, Lasso, Random Forest, Gradient Boosting)
 - Achieved best model performance of ~0.92 R² score on test data
 - Implemented CI/CD pipeline using GitHub as source
 - Containerized the application using Docker and deployed on AWS EC2 with ECR
 - Designed the project following production-grade ML architecture
- CNN Binary Image Classification System (Computer vision | Deep Learning)**
 - Tech: Python, TensorFlow, Keras, CNN, MobileNet, Streamlit, Docker
 - Built a binary image classification system from scratch using CNN
 - Initial Custom CNN model achieved 56–60% accuracy
 - Designed and trained an optimized CNN architecture, improving accuracy to ~70–80%
 - Applied Transfer Learning using MobileNet, achieving improved validation accuracy through transfer learning
 - Clearly Demonstrated model improvement through architecture optimization
 - Deployed the trained model as an interactive Streamlit web application
- RAG-Based PDF Chatbot (GenAI | NLP)**
 - Tech: Python, LLMs, Embeddings, Vector Databases, RAG, NLP
 - Developed a Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) chatbot for PDF-based question answering
 - Implemented document ingestion, text chunking, embedding generation, and vector search
 - Integrated retrieved context into LLM prompts to produce accurate, grounded responses
 - Reduced hallucinations compared to standard LLM chatbots
 - Built an end-to-end GenAI pipeline suitable for real-world enterprise use cases
 - Designed for scalable enterprise knowledge-assistant applications