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AI / ML ENGINEER

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About Me

Disciplined AI / Machine Learning Engineer with an engineering background and professional service experience in the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).

Passionate about building end-to-end, production-ready AI systems, with hands-on experience in Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Computer Vision, and Generative AI.

Proven ability to take models from experimentation to cloud deployment using AWS, Docker, and CI/CD pipelines, with a strong focus on real-world impact and scalability.

Technical Skills

- Programming&Data:
Python, SQL, Pandas, NumPy
- MachineLearning:
SupervisedLearning,Regression,Classification, Feature Engineering, Model Evaluation, Hyperparameter Tuning
- DeepLearning&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

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

Education

- Bachelor of Technology in ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS ENGG.
- Diploma in ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS ENGG.

Languages

English
Hindi
Telugu

Professional Summary

AI/ML Engineer with hands-on experience building and deploying end-to-end Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Computer Vision, and Gen AI systems. Strong in model development, optimization, and production deployment using AWS (EC2,ECR), Docker, and CI/CD pipelines.Experienced across the complete ML lifecycle and delivering production-ready AI applications via interactive web interfaces

Projects

1.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 ~92% R² score
- 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

2.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 90%+ training accuracy
- Clearly Demonstrated model improvement through architecture optimization
- Deployed the trained model as an interactive Streamlit web application

3. 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