Pranav Rihal

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EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University

Pittsburgh PA

Masters in Software Engineering - Scalable Systems

Aug. 2024 - Dec 2025

National Institute of Technology, Karnataka

Surathkal, Mangaluru

Bachelor of Technology in Electronics and Communication Engineering

Aug. 2018 - May 2022

EXPERIENCE

Software Engineer I

July 2022 - July 2024

o9 Solutions

Bangalore, India

- Developed .NET Razor platform health dashboard with real-time metric correlation, reducing DevOps tickets by 15%.
- Recognized as 'Performer of the Month' for integrating Redis and SignalR into the Platform Resilience project, boosting alert efficiency, shortening response times, and attracting clients generating \$750,000 annually.
- Prototyped a chat-based AI for o9's Hackathon with the help of a Seq-2-Seq transformer model and Flask, reducing report creation/generation time by 30%.
- Contributed as a founding member of the Accessibility team by improving platform navigation with keyboard and screen readers, increasing compliance up to WCAG-AA and benefiting 1,000+ determined clients.

Backend Developer Intern

March 2021 – May 2021

ShippingKaro Private Limited

Bangalore, India

- Collaborated on system and backend design enhancements, optimizing client solutions and potentially saving them \$20,000 annually in operational costs.
- Created a User Login Page along with a dashboard view for clients to track their orders using CodeIgniter and React.
- Made use of PHP-based controller to establish a connection with the company's MYSQL database to save the data of over 1500+ clients on the ShippingKaro Platform.
- Hosted the project using the XAMPP server, which helped us deploy the solution in our local environments, reducing overhead costs by over \$6000(INR 500,000) monthly.

Projects

Hotel Booking Web Application | MERN, Passport.js, OAuth, REST MVC

Dec 2023 - March 2024

- Architected a scalable hotel booking web application leveraging Node.js and Express.js, enhancing system
 performance and user experience.
- Implemented advanced user authentication and authorization using Passport.js with JWT and OAuth strategies, ensuring secure and seamless user sessions.
- Integrated Cloudinary for cloud-based image storage and retrieval, optimizing media management with asynchronous processing and caching strategies using Redis.
- Developed responsive and dynamic front-end views using EJS templates and AJAX for real-time updates, improving client-side performance and interactivity.
- Employed Mocha for unit and integration testing, ensuring robust and error-free application performance.

Intrusion Detection System | Python, Neural Networks, Pandas

Aug 2021 – March 2022

- Developed an Intrusion detection system to ensure accurate detection of network attacks.
- Visualized the KDD-99 dataset using the Seaborn and Pandas library and performed data pre-processing techniques such as Batch Normalization and One hot encoding.
- Published plugin to websites gaining 2K+ downloads and an average 4.5/5-star review.
- Due to a variance in frequencies of the classes in the dataset, balancing the classes was also considered, namely, oversampling the dataset using SMOTE.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Java, Python, C/C++, SQL, JavaScript, HTML/CSS, C#

Frameworks: React, Flask, Spring Boot, .NET Core, Kendo-UI, JQuery, Jasmine, JUnit, Mocha

Developer Tools: Git, MongoDB, Docker, VS Code, Visual Studio, PvCharm, IntelliJ

Libraries: Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib, Seaborn, Underscorejs, Requirejs