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Work Experience

Nepal Applied Mathematics and Informatics Institute for research (NAAMII) *April 2022*
- Present

Research Assistant

Lalitpur, Nepal

Supervisor: Bishesh Khanal, Ph.D.

- Contributing actively to research projects focused on **Natural Language Processing (NLP)**, **Medical Imaging**, **Semi-supervised Learning**, and **Multi-modal Learning**.
- Employed rigorous research methodologies to analyze data, draw meaningful conclusions, and contribute to advancing knowledge in these domains.

Clamphook

November 2019 - June 2021

Full Stack Developer

Lalitpur, Nepal

- Participated vigorously in the development of clamphook.com by implementing the server-side functionality utilizing *MongoDB* as the database and *Flask* as the web framework.
- Leveraged *React* as the front-end technology to facilitate seamless communication between the front-end and back-end components of the website.
- Deployed servers using *nginx*, *gunicorn*, and *Cloudflare*, effectively managing the infrastructure to handle concurrent traffic of up to 5,000 users. It ensured a smooth and uninterrupted user experience even during peak traffic.

ASMI

May 2019 - March 2020

Junior Researcher

Remote

Researched comprehensively on two-dimensional *In-Video Advertising*, focusing on enabling seamless advertisement integration within platform videos without disrupting the viewing experience.

Education

Bachelors in Computer Engineering

November 2017 - April 2022

Pulchowk Campus, Institute of Engineering, Tribhuvan University

Lalitpur, Nepal

Academic Supervisor: Aman Shakya, Ph.D.

Capstone Project: Epidemiological Surveillance System using NLP

- Attained **Rank 1 in the Entrance Exam** of 2074 B.S. (2017 A.D.) out of nearly 18,000 candidates.
- Graduated with **First Division honors**, achieving an **aggregate of 79.96%**.

High School

June 2015 - June 2017

SOS Hermann Gmeiner School Bharatpur

Bharatpur, Nepal

- Graduated in the **top 5 of the class**, demonstrating exceptional academic performance.
- Attained a distinction with an impressive **85.3% aggregate**, reflecting a strong commitment to excellence throughout high school.
- Maintained high grades consistently and showcased diligence in academic pursuits.

Publications

- Preprints** Dhakal, M., **Adhikari, R.**, Thapaliya, S., & Khanal, B. (2024). VLSM-Adapter: Finetuning Vision-Language Segmentation Efficiently with Lightweight Blocks. *Under Review: MICCAI 2024*
- Poudel, K.*, Dhakal, M.*, Bhandari, P.*, **Adhikari, R.***, Thapaliya, S.*, & Khanal, B. (2023). Exploring Transfer Learning in Medical Image Segmentation using Vision-Language Models. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2308.07706. (Under Review: MIDL 2024)*
- Workshop Papers** **Adhikari, R.***, Dhakal, M.*, Thapaliya, S.*, Poudel, K., Bhandari, P., & Khanal, B. (2023, October). Synthetic Boost: Leveraging Synthetic Data for Enhanced Vision-Language Segmentation in Echocardiography. In *International Workshop on Advances in Simplifying Medical Ultrasound* (pp. 89-99). Cham: Springer Nature Switzerland.
- Adhikari, R.**, Thapaliya, S., Basnet, N., Poudel, S., Shakya, A., & Khanal, B. (2022, October). COVID-19-related Nepali Tweets Classification in a Low Resource Setting. In *Proceedings of The Seventh Workshop on Social Media Mining for Health Applications, Workshop & Shared Task* (pp. 209-215).
- Journal Papers** Buddhacharya, S. M., **Adhikari, R.**, Maharjan, N., & Panday, S. P. (2022). Monocular Depth Estimation using a Multi-grid Attention-based Model. *Journal of Innovative Image Processing*, 4(3), 127-146.

Internships

- Nepal Applied Mathematics and Informatics Institute for research (NAAMII)** *August 2021 - April 2022*
- Research Intern* *Supervisor: Bishesh Khanal, Ph.D.*
- Researched multi-label tweet classification for my *Bachelor's final year capstone project*.
 - Developed a classification system to *categorize tweets into 8 inclusive COVID-related categories*.
 - Applied analytical techniques and data processing methods for accurate classification results.
- Diyo.AI** *June - December 2020*
- NLP Research Intern* *Supervisor: Binod Bhattarai, Ph.D.*
- Conducted extensive research on the availability of *Nepali language corpora*, resulting in a substantial corpus measuring nearly 3 GB in size.
 - Leveraged the *Huggingface transformers* library to train an *ALBERT* language model specifically tailored for the Nepali language.

Teaching Experience

- Community Eye, ENT & Rehabilitation Center (CEERS)** *May 21, 2023 - Feb 21, 2024*
- Instructor* *Bhaktapur, Nepal*
- Contributed to the course's pedagogy on Python basics, supervised learning, classification problems, feature scaling, image transformations, and representation learning with neural networks.
 - Guided students in implementing a *Multiclass Disease Classification Model for the Ocular Disease Classification Challenge* as their capstone project, in PyTorch.

Fourth Annual Nepal AI School

May 22 - June 1, 2023

Teaching Assistant

Kathmandu, Nepal

- Assisted in lab sessions on *Probability and Statistics*, *Transformers*, and *Natural Language Processing (NLP)*, facilitating effective learning and practical applications for about 150 participants.
- Collaborated with *Danda Pani Paudel, Ph.D.*, *Nripesh Parajuli, Ph.D.*, and *Abhinav Joshi* for the refinement of lab materials and exercises, ensuring an optimal learning environment.
- Developed effective communication and teamwork skills through collaboration with esteemed experts and fellow teaching assistants.

Third Nepal Winter School in AI

December 20 - 30, 2021

Teaching Assistant

Bhaktapur, Nepal

- Assisted in the *ML fundamentals* lab and guided participants through a project on *Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs)*, for about 100 participants.
- Prepared engaging lab sessions and projects with *Danda Pani Paudel, Ph.D.*, *Nripesh Parajuli, Ph.D.*, and *Sandesh Ghimire, Ph.D.*, showcasing effective mentorship and guidance skills.

Major Licenses and Certifications

DeepLearning.AI	Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) Specialization
DeepLearning.AI	Natural Language Processing Specialization
DeepLearning.AI	AI for Medicine Specialization
DeepLearning.AI	TensorFlow Developer Professional Certificate
DeepLearning.AI	TensorFlow: Data and Deployment Specialization
University of Michigan	Applied Data Science with Python Specialization
Imperial College London	Mathematics for Machine Learning Specialization
Stanford University	Machine Learning

Technical Skills

- Adept in *Python*, including machine learning and deep learning libraries such as *Numpy*, *Pandas*, *Scikit-Learn*, *TensorFlow*, and *PyTorch*.
- Experienced in server-side programming using *Node.js* frameworks like *Express*, as well as *Python* frameworks like *Django*, *Flask*, and *FastAPI*.
- Proficient in working with various *SQL* and *NoSQL* databases.
- Skilled in client-side programming using *JavaScript* and *TypeScript*, along with frameworks like *React*.
- Well-versed in Linux environment, possessing skills in tools like *Vim*, *Tmux*, and *shell scripting*, with experience across different *Linux* distributions.
- Knowledgeable in *version control* systems, specifically *Git*.

Affiliations

LOCUS

March 2021 - May 2022

Software Coordinator

Lalitpur, Nepal

- Managed software events, effectively overseeing all aspects of planning and execution while ensuring seamless coordination and timely resolution of various technical issues.
- Demonstrated strong organizational skills by successfully organizing approximately 10 software events, handling logistics, scheduling, and ensuring a smooth and engaging participant experience.

- Conducted a Tech Talk titled *A Platform for Innovations and Ideas* with CEOs from Yatri Motorcycles and International Green Developers Nepal as speakers, drawing an audience of approximately 200 participants.
- Organized a successful blood donation program in collaboration with the Nepal Red Cross Society, demonstrating effective coordination and execution skills.

References

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