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Employment

Software Engineer, Intern

WhatsBusy

May 2020 - Aug 2020

Merchant Onboarding, Benchmarking Tool (Django, AWS, PostgreSQL)

- Wrote several pipelines using AWS Lambda to automate and support real time calculation of KPI metrics of the restaurants on platform vs comp set, recommendations for restaurant items' prices, and for detecting fake employees.
- Streamlined the data collection and aggregation process using Database Loaders in psycopg (PostgreSQL).
- Overhauled the dashboard recommendation card components and created visualisations for the aforementioned metrics.

Research Assistant - Full Stack

Fire Research Lab, NYU

Sept 2019 – Present

Course Catalog App, Course Creation App for Fire Safety (Node/GraphQL/React)

- Enhanced the e-Commerce store interface, payment modules (on Stripe) and the checkout experience of the course selling platform. Also added support for multi country/currency payment methods.
- Crafted interactive, reusable ReactJS components for the course editor (MS PowerPoint like) and developed accessible user interfaces.
- Reduced the deployment bottlenecks using CircleCI/CD and boosted the SDLC efficiency by 50%.

Software Engineer

Kubric

May 2018 - May 2019

Kubric Storage (Smart Asset System)

- Simplified the process for adding new UI filters dynamically to the Asset App by composing a node module which increased code coverage by 60%.
- Enriched the UI experience by adding editing and transformation capabilities by created HTML Canvas playgrounds in ReactJS.
- Added error handling and progress reporting of the asset upload pipeline in NodeJS which improved feedback and user experience. Kubric Player (kubric-player.surge.sh)
- Built a light-weight, embeddable interactive HTML5 video player SDK with DASH support for e-commerce product videos to boost shopping experience.

Google Summer of Code Intern

Google Summer of Code, FOSSASIA

May 2017 - Aug 2017

SUSI.AI Smart Chat Assistant (https://tinyurl.com/rsf3czn)

- Implemented internationalization, user authentication, theming capabilities and a feedback system in ReactJS for the Chat App for an immersive experience.
- Enhanced interactivity with the assistant by enabling voice input and output capabilities.

SUSI Skills (https://susi.ai - Skills for Chat Assistant)

- Created an easy to access skill discovery page for the chat assistant similar to Alexa Skills.
- Improved the bundle size of the app and the build time by 70% using code splitting and gzip compression provided by webpack.

Education

• M.S. in Computer Engineering, New York University.

Sept 2019 - May 2021

July 2014 – April 2018

• B.Tech. in Computer Science, VIT University, India.

Projects

- **Spam Filters** (2020). Naive Bayes and Adversarial Classification based spam filters (98% accuracy) demonstrating attack and defense strategies. Python (numpy, pandas, sklearn). https://github.com/rishiraj824/MachineLearningAlgorithms
- Dining Bot (2020). Highly scalable location based restaurant suggestions from Yelp API through SMS. AWS Lambda, Cloudwatch, Elastic Search, SNS and SQS. https://github.com/rishiraj824/Restaurant-ChatBot
- **Heddler** (2020). Smart and dynamic album creation tool for digital studios and making portfolios. AWS S3, NextJS, MongoDB. https://heddler.com

Additional Experience and Awards

- Google Developer Groups Organizer (2016-18): Organized Hackathons, tech talks, and contributed to and moderated various open source projects.
- Google Summer of Code Mentor (Summer 2018) Ensured daily SCRUM Reports, performed code reviews.
- CodeHeat Finalist (2017) for Loklak Search (Advanced Twitter Search Engine) Top 10 contributors amongst 443 participants worldwide, invited to FOSSASIA Tech Summit, Singapore for the award. Angular 2.

Languages and Technologies

- Java; Python; Javascript; C++; C; SQL;
- NodeJS; GraphQL/Apollo/Relay; Numpy; Pandas; Sklearn; MongoDB; Django; ReactJS; Angular.js(2/4); React Native; Jest/Enzyme; Redis; PosgreSQL; Serverless; AWS