# Saksham Powdel

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## Profile Summary

Full-stack developer with experience designing, developing, and deploying scalable web applications using React, Spring Boot, and Docker. Adept in backend architecture, API development, and DevOps workflows including CI/CD and containerization. Passionate about software craftsmanship and currently deepening expertise in Python and machine learning. Seeking software engineering roles to build performant, maintainable, and user-centric systems.

#### EDUCATION

## George Mason University

Fairfax, VA

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

3.7 GPA, May 2025

## WORK EXPERIENCE

# Software Engineer

June 2024 – Present

Bibi Salon & Spa

Falls Church, VA

- Designed and implemented process improvements through internal tooling, including scripting plans to automate employee schedule exports and reduce manual workload by 60%.
- Provided technical support and software solutions to streamline daily operations, applying systems thinking to identify future automation opportunities.

## Relevant Experience

BetterReads | Spring Boot, React, TypeScript, Vite, PostgreSQL, Docker, Kubernetes

May 2025 – Present

- Built a full-stack social platform inspired by Goodreads, focused on book discovery and user-centric reading features
- Engineered scalable backend services using Spring Boot and PostgreSQL, exposing RESTful APIs for search and reading lists
- Developed a responsive React (Vite) frontend with modular routing, shared state management, and search-driven UI components
- Containerized backend services with Docker; preparing for production deployment with Kubernetes and CI/CD pipelines

## AI Image Upscaler | PyTorch, ESRGAN, NumPy

July 2025

- Built a Python-based tool to upscale low-resolution images by  $4\times$  using the pretrained ESRGAN model and PyTorch
- Implemented tensor conversion, normalization, and postprocessing pipelines to transform PIL images into enhanced outputs
- Integrated deep learning inference on CPU, handling real-time image transformation without requiring GPU acceleration
- Created a clean command-line interface for loading inputs, running ESRGAN inference, and saving high-quality image results

## UNIX Shell Implementation | C, Assembly, Makefile, UNIX/Linux

June 2023

- Created a custom UNIX shell to understand OS-level process control, signal handling, and inter-process communication
- Implemented job control, foreground/background execution, and piping to replicate core shell behavior
- Used Makefiles for portable builds and followed memory-safe practices in low-level C development
- Demonstrated understanding of concurrency, lifecycle management, and command parsing in a UNIX environment

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: JavaScript, TypeScript, Java, Python, C, MATLAB, HTML/CSS

Frameworks & Libraries: React, Spring Boot, Django, Node.js, PyTorch, NumPy

Databases & Storage: PostgreSQL, MongoDB, Oracle Database

DevOps & Cloud: Docker, Kubernetes, Azure, CI/CD

Development Tools: Git, Linux/Unix, REST APIs, Makefiles, VS Code, TorchScript