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EDUCATION

McGill University | GPA: 4.0

Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science, Minor in Statistics

Montreal, QC

Sept. 2020 - Dec. 2023

- Relevant courses: Machine Learning, Honors Math for ML, Honors Linear Algebra, Programming Languages and Paradigms, Honors Algorithm Analysis, Calculus 3, Probability, Intro to Software Systems, Microeconomics
- James McGill Prestige Scholarship (highest valued), Deans Honor List (top 10% academic standing in faculty).

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Python, C/C++, Java, Ocaml, JavaScript, HTML, CSS, L^AT_EX, MIPS32 Assembly

Frameworks: PyTorch, TF/Keras, Flask, FastAPI, Jekyll

Developer Tools: Git, Bash/Zsh, Google Cloud Platform, GNU tools

Libraries: Pandas, NumPy, Plotly/Matplotlib, SciKit Learn

EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Research Assistant

June 2021 - Present

Data Mining and Security Lab, McGill University

Montreal, QC

- Research alongside PhD and Masters students on the application of deep learning NLP methods in the domain of authorship analysis as the only second-year undergrad student in the DMAS Lab.
- Updated the old ICWSM12 Twitter dataset to a new custom dataset with millions of tweets, scraped using twint and scweet libraries, and the Twitter API.
- Working on re-engineering the StyloMatrix project's existing codebase from Java to PyTorch (Python), thereby making it possible to incorporate latest developments in NLP into the project.

Incoming Course Assistant

Sept. 2021 - Dec. 2021

Dept. of Computer Science, McGill University

Montreal, QC

- Undergraduate teaching assistant for Intro to Software Systems course (COMP 206), having over 500 students.

SPARK Research Intern

May 2021 – June 2021

IIT Roorkee

New Delhi, India (Remote)

- Guided the previous research of bit-flip attack on image classification models to the under-explored domain of NLP models like LSTM, BERT, RoBERTa, etc. by developing custom model layers and reformulating the existing code for the attack.
- Refined the attack dynamics, further speeding up the attack by as much as 15-20% in some cases.

Bootcamp participant

Jan 2021 – April 2021

McGill AI Society

Montreal, QC

- Developed a sarcastic comment generator using GPT-2, deployed as a Discord bot using the Discord API.
- Implemented VGG-16 architecture for the capstone Kaggle image classification competition, while also empowering my teammates as the most experienced person on the team. Ended up getting the runners-up position.

PROJECTS

SummarizeYT | Python, GCP, Gensim, JS, Chrome Developer Tools, Google Cloud Function

- A Chrome extension, which activates when the user plays a video on YouTube, and displays the summary of the video by scraping the captions file and passing it to a Python script hosted on Google Cloud Function.
- Coded the backend of the extension using JSON, Gensim library and the Google Natural Language API.

PathLink | Python, Streamlit, Pandas, Plotly, Scikit Learn

- Machine Learning powered web app that allows automated group formation based on students' preferences like skill level, time-zone, areas of interest, etc. almost instantly, thereby saving instructors' time while also maximizing group chemistry. Also includes interactive data visualizations that dynamically change according to the groups.
- Built the fully functional web-app as the only person on team to know programming, while also taking the initiative to teach Python programming to one of my teammates.

Beek-It | Java, Python, XML, Data Structures

- A model search engine implementing a simplified version of Google PageRank algorithm and works on XML-based "pseudo-internet." Originally a class project, redesigned to include additional features such as a keyword search.
- Wrote a blog post about the working of search engines and this project in detail.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- 97.8 percentile (99.6 in Chemistry) in JEE, biggest engineering entrance exam in India (over a million participants).
- 19th International rank in National Cyber Olympiad (SOF and Tata Consultancy Services), 2019
- 27th/20,000 in Junior Science Talent Search Examination (Govt. of Delhi), 2017
- High Distinction at Australian National Chemistry Quiz (Royal Australian Chemical Institute), 2016