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#### EDUCATION

# **University of California, San Diego**

Master of Science, Computer Science and Engineering

Relevant Courses: Supervised & Unsupervised Learning, Software Engineering, Algorithms, Networks

GPA: 3.91/4.0

San Diego, CA, USA

Sep. 2022 – Jun. 2024

## Pune Institute of Computer Technology, Pune University

Bachelor of Engineering, Computer Engineering

First Class with Distinction | Perfect 10/10 GPA in senior year

Jul. 2017 - Jul. 2021

Pune, MH, India **GPA: 9.63/10** 

### TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Python, C++, Java, GoLang, Shell & PowerShell scripting, SQL, R, HTML/CSS

Tools: Protocol Buffers, Docker, gRPC, Vitis HLS, Git

Frameworks: Flask, SQLAlchemy, NLTK, Pandas, Keras, TensorFlow, PyTorch, Scikit learn, NumPy, Rasa NLU, Android, ElectronJS

Skills: Natural Language Processing, Android App Development, Game Development, High Level Synthesis

OS Modules: Linux Volume Management, ZFS, Windows Management Instrumentation, Microsoft VSS

**EXPERIENCE** 

# **Design Lab - UC San Diego**

Oct. 2022 - Present San Diego, CA, USA

### Research Engineer

- · Working with the UnBIASED team, for the end-to-end development of a Flask-based web app that revolutionizes patient-doctor communication in healthcare, by providing interactive behavior insights and personalized actionable steps.
- Optimized the application for high scalability and reliability, ensuring seamless performance under varying loads, laying a solid foundation for future expansions.

### **Graduate Researcher** □

- Analyzed AI explainability and trust in self-driving cars, contributing to key design decisions linking personal characteristics to vehicle informatics - reducing stress, improving design effectiveness, situational awareness, and driving outcomes.
- Used VR integration with Unreal Engine 4 and CARLA to design 60+ realistic driving simulation scenarios.

# RackWare Inc.

Jul. 2021 – Aug. 2022

### **Software Engineer - RMM Team**

Pune, MH, India

- Part of the 5 person core engineering team in India that developed, maintained and enhanced RackWare's premier cloud migration and DR product called 'RackWare Management Module' (RMM).
- Optimized RMM's storage safety mechanism to continuously monitor and securely cut off running syncs to prevent image corruption during high disk usage. Eliminated redundant system calls by 80%, reducing major CPU load.
- Coordinated the complete overhaul of RMM's self-extracting installer, reducing redundant user interactions by 87%. Designed several critical fail-safes to improve product robustness during installation.
- Added product support for auto-provisioning Ubuntu 14,16,18, SUSE 12, 15 images on AWS, and provisioning Oracle Linux hosts on Azure; Solved 20+ critical cloud migration issues across Azure, OCI and AWS environments.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

# Knowledge Graph Generation From Text Using Neural Machine Translation Techniques International Conference on Communication Information and Computing Technology (ICCICT)

Aug. 2021

Link ♂

 Analyzed several approaches used for SPARQL machine translation, particularly for data insertion in knowledge graphs. Curated custom datasets from DBpedia for machine translation of plain text to SPARQL insert queries which reached average **BLEU scores of 98.28** on Attention-RNN and Transformer models.

### **PROJECTS**

### **Surfstore - Fault Tolerant File Storage System** | GoLang, qRPC, Protocol Buffers

- Implemented a fault tolerant file storage system (similar to Dropbox) to synchronise file access across multiple devices.
- Ensured fault tolerance and scalability of nodes by employing the RAFT protocol and consistent hashing.

# **Emotionally Aware Chatbot** | Rasa NLU, TensorFlow, MongoDB, Python | Link ♂

- Led a team of 4 that designed a user adaptive conversational agent to perform cognitive behavioral therapy.
- Modified the DIET classifier and implemented a custom TensorFlow NMT engine to detect intent and entities and curate personalized, empathetic responses that helped improve mood.
- Presented project at the International Conference on Smart Technology, AI & Computer Engineering (ICSTAICE)

### ML Performance Analysis on Different Hardware | Keras, HLS4ML, AMD Vitis HLS, Python

- Analysed the performance of standard ML models across Intel Xeon (CPU), Nvidia Tesla (GPU) and Zyng-7000 SoC (FPGA) architectures. Achieved a 600x speed improvement over the CPU and 350x speed improvement over the GPU when testing the same models on the FPGA.
- Performed model compression and layer quantization optimizations to fit the model within FPGA resource constraints.