## **SOOHAM RAFIZ**

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## **EXPERIENCE**

### IP Development Engineering Intern

#### **Intel Corporation**

Intel holds market dominance on desktop class microprocessor sales.

- Migrated Intel's deep-learning accelerator framework, OpenVINO, across backwards-incompatible updates to developer environment and infrastructure. This task required cross-functional coordination with my team, sysadmins, and hardware engineers.
- Reduced OpenVINO Quartus build time for extremely large CNN (i.e ResNets, VGG) models by 30% for smoke tests and weekly regression tests. This alleviated the number of engineers waiting overnight for build completion.
- Developer for LDPC 5G codec IP compatible with 3rd Generation Partnership Project (3GPP) standard of 5G cellular communications for clients such as Huawei.
- Added Cyclone FPGA support to Quartus' digital signal processing (DSP) portfolio of hardware IP.
- Migrated DSP legacy synthesis, placement-routing, and verification tests to new testing framework.
- Technical editor and reviewer for "Intel Quartus User Guides" of above software; provided clients factual and legitimate documentation.

#### **Avionics Engineer**

#### **University of Toronto Aerospace Team, Rocketry Division**

Developed software for reading flight-critical sensors using Arduino, ICs, and digital filters.

#### Web Development Intern

#### Careerleaf Inc.

Careerleaf provides job posting boards (a la Indeed) as a service.

- Developed and deployed a job management module using AngularJS.
- Improved site reliability by writing unit tests.
- Liaised with development team and product manager to fulfill client requests regarding UI, backend, and job analytics.
- Authored Quality Assurance tests for single-sign-on (SSO) functionality.

#### **EDUCATION**

# B.Sc in Computer Science

#### **University of Toronto**

**1** 08/2014 - 05/2019

 C.L Burton Open Scholarship recipient (award is competitive) GPA

**3.14** / 4.00

## **ML PROJECTS**

#### im2latex (Computer Vision)

im2latex is a seq2seq model with attention designed to transliterate images of math formulas to LaTeX code.

#### Adversarial image generation

Based "Explaining and Harnessing Adversarial Examples" by Goodfellow et al., this neural network generates images to fool other neural networks

## VAE for image segmentation

I designed my own conditional variational autoencoder for the task of image segmentation on the MS-COCO dataset. Hosted on github.

## **TECH. SKILLS**

Scientific python packages: numpy, scipy, NLTK, pandas, tensorflow, caffe.

Deep Learning: LSTMs, CNNs, RNNs, Probabilistic Graphical Models, MCMC, VAEs.

Languages: C, C++, Java, Python, Scala, Perl, Shellscript

Excellent Knowledge of Data Structures.