# Clifford Reeve Menezes

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#### **EDUCATION**

Master of Science, Computer Engineering

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

August 2024 - May 2026

• Coursework: Networking, Network Security, Advanced Machine Learning, Computer Vision.

Bachelor of Technology, Computer Science and Engineering National Institute of Technology Karnataka (NITK)

December 2020 - May 2024

#### **EXPERIENCE**

#### Graduate Assistant - IT Support, Virginia Tech

August 2025 - Current

- Configured and deployed Netgear switches, including VLAN setup, port configs, and firmware updates.
- Optimized IT infrastructure setup for staff, achieving 99.9% system uptime and reducing downtime by 40%.

# Software Engineer Intern, Reliable Allies

May 2024 - July 2024

- Developed scalable React/TypeScript interfaces, achieving a 90% satisfaction score in usability testing.
- Optimized frontend-backend communication via RESTful APIs, reducing latency by 30%.
- Improved view performance by 30% with GraphQL, React Query, API pagination, and caching.
- Built SQL + Pandas pipelines to analyze purchasing trends, boosting sales 15% and repeat purchases 10%.

### Researcher - Reinforcement Learning, Indian Institute of Science

May 2023 - July 2023

- Designed multi-agent traffic control with Deep Q-Networks, improving simulated traffic flow 15%.
- Built a real-time SUMO traffic simulator with GPS data from 500+ vehicles, deployed for scalable testing.
- Integrated Graph Neural Networks with PyTorch/TensorFlow for dynamic routing, reducing travel time 12%.

#### **PROJECTS**

#### Image Label Detection API with AWS (Flask + Rekognition)

July 2025

- Developed & deployed a Flask REST API for image uploads with AWS S3/Rekognition, secured via IAM roles
  and env-based credentials, and engineered for scalability with CI/CD readiness.
- Achieved **95% confidence** in detection results.

#### **Emotion-Based Song Recommender**

April 2025 - June 2025

- Built a full-stack React/Node is app using music datasets and emotion modeling for personalized song picks.
- Designed a scalable backend API and deployed services to AWS.
- Integrated ML models (SBERT, Deep & Wide) as backend microservices without impacting response latency.

### Assistive Navigation System

Sep 2024 - Dec 2024

- Engineered a real-time navigation assistant combining YOLO (object detection), BLIP (captioning), LLM interpretation, and TTS output.
- Deployed inference pipeline using PyTorch and OpenCV with optimized GPU utilization.
- Achieved 72% real-world guidance accuracy in field tests.

# Two-Stage Credit Scoring for Financial Data

January 2024 - May 2024

- Built scalable Spark pipelines to process standardized financial datasets for credit-scoring models.
- Deployed model on AWS EC2 with LIME interpretability, optimizing for low-latency scoring.
- Achieved 89.58% prediction accuracy; presented at IEEE MysuruCon 2024.

## **SKILLS**

- Backend & Cloud: AWS (Lambda, S3, EC2, Rekognition, CloudWatch, IAM), Flask, Node.js, GraphQL, Docker, Kubernetes, Terraform, boto3, NoSQL
- Frontend: React, Redux, HTML/CSS, TypeScript
- DevOps & Tools: Linux, Git, CI/CD, Postgres, JIRA, Matlab, Spring Boot
- Data/ML: PyTorch, TensorFlow, Scikit-learn, OpenCV, Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib, Transformers