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## Education

**New York University Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences**

**Sep. 2023 – Dec 2024**

*Masters of Science in Computing, Entrepreneurship and Innovation GPA: 4.0/4.0*

*New York City, NY*

**Relevant Courses:** LLVMs, Big Data and ML Systems, Foundations of Computer Networks

**Mahindra Ecole Centrale**

**Aug.2016 – May 2020**

*Bachelor in Technology in Computer Science*

*Hyderabad, Telangana*

**Relevant Courses:** Deep Learning, Distributed Systems, NLP, Database Systems

## Experience

**MBZUAI**

**July 2022 – July 2023**

*Research Assitant - Computer Vision (Advisor: Dr. Salman Khan)*

*Abu Dhabi, UAE*

- Proposed and implemented a novel Visual transformer based prompt-learning framework for All-in-one blind Image Restoration / Enhancement called **PromptIR**, which achieved **SoTA** performance improving over previous methods by **0.9 dB** on dehazing, deraining and denoising benchmarks. Work presented as part of **Neurips 2023**
- Adapted computer vision based continual learning techniques **L2P**, **DualPrompt** methods for video action recognition improving performance over previous techniques by over **10%** accuracy and **14% BWF**, on several public benchmarks.
- Studied parameter-efficient finetuning techniques to improve downstream performance of **Multimodal LLM models**.

**Dhan AI**

**April 2020 – April 2022**

*Machine learning Engineer*

*Hyderabad, India*

- Developed an ensemble of **BERT-based Classifiers** to enhance the NER engine, resulting in a **12% accuracy** improvement in internal benchmarks on entity recognition and sentiment classification, significantly improving the primary product of the company, which was a Patient Life Cycle Managment Chatbot.
- Optimized model serving API using **Nvidia TensorRT**, increasing the model throughput by **25%**, enabling close to realtime performance for the chatbot, across the customer organization.
- Rewrote the application testing pipeline to utilize increased **parallelism and Redis cache** to reduce CI/CD time by **60%** that enabled rapid development of new features.
- Led the development ETL pipelines to efficiently collect and process data for the analysis of customer responses using **MSSQL SSIS**.
- Shipped the first the product of the company, to the customers and conducted user interviews to gather feedback on the product

## Projects

**ROBOMUSE- Mobile robot platform** | ROS, OpenCV, PyTorch, C++, Python

**September 2019 – January 2020**

- Developed an autonomous robot's vision system, implementing **stereo calibration algorithms** with custom stereo cameras for depth imaging. Optimized **YOLO** and **SSD** for advanced object recognition in **RGBD** images.

**PhysioLive: Virtual Assistant for Physio Therapy** | Django, Tensorflow, C++, Python

**May 2018 – August 2018**

- Created an app leveraging human pose estimation and anomaly detection with **CMU Openpose** to correct patient postures in physiotherapy. Developed the backend with Django. Secured **1st place** among 34 teams at the Novartis MedTech Hackathon

## Publications

**PromptIR: Prompting for All-in-One Blind Image Restoration**

**NeurIPS 2023**

*Vaishnav Potlapalli, Syed Waqas Zamir, Salman Khan, Fahad Shahbaz Khan*

**Sketch3T: Test-Time Training for Zero-Shot SBIR**

**CVPR 2022**

*Aneeshan Sain, Ayan Kumar Bhunia, Vaishnav Potlapalli, Pinaki Nath Chowdhury, Tao Xiang, Yi-Zhe Song*

**MediTables IIIT**

**GREC 2021**

*Akshay Praveen Deshpande, Vaishnav Potlapalli, Ravi Kiran Sarvadevabhatla*

## Technical Skills

**Languages:** Python, Java, C/C++, HTML/CSS, JavaScript, SQL

**Developer Tools:** Git/Github, VS Code, Azure Cloud

**Technologies/Frameworks:** Pytorch, Tensorflow, Transformers, TensorRT, CUDA, OpenCV, Django, Docker