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WORK EXPERIENCE

Utter

Jun. 2019 – Sep. 2019

Intern

Remote

- Utter is an edtech application that aims to improve fluency in the English language through conversational chatbots and live sessions with English tutors.
- Encouraging the process of ideation and thought through a secondary language, i.e. for non-fluent speakers using comprehensible input and association.
- Undertook many times, the responsibility of handling multiple demanding learners at the same time, often trying to motivate them by comparing structural similarities and dissimilarities with their own native languages with dedicated research.

Freelance

Apr. 2022 – Jun. 2023

Content Writer

- As a freelancer, worked on multiple articles across various fields ranging from Tech, Health, Entertainment, etc.
- Gained valuable experience with SEO Optimization, high reachability techniques, and different writing structures.

EDUCATION

The English and Foreign Languages University

Grad. 2023

M.A, English Literature

Shillong, Meghalaya

- GPA: 7.15/9.0
- Grade: A+
- Honors: Graduated with Summa cum laude

University of Madras

Grad. 2021

B.A, English Literature

Chennai, Tamil Nadu

- GPA: 7.1/10
- Grade: A++
- Honors: University Topper, awarded with a certificate and a cash prize

P.S Senior Secondary School

Grad. 2018

Class 12

Chennai, Tamil Nadu

- Percentage: 80%
- Grade: A2

P.S Senior Secondary School

Grad. 2016

Class 10

Chennai, Tamil Nadu

- GPA: 8.8/10
- Grade: A1

COURSE CERTIFICATIONS

- Spanish DELE A2 (Instituto Cervantes)
- Postcolonial Literature [Gold Medal] (Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur)
- History of English Literature [Silver Medal] (Indian Institute of Technology, Madras)
- Introduction to Who Wrote Shakespeare (University of London)
- Soren Kierkegaard – Subjectivity, Irony, and the Crisis of Modernity (University of Copenhagen)
- The Popular Gothic Novel [Silver Medal] (Indian Institute of Technology, Madras)

- Basics of Spanish Language and Culture (Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi)
- CS50x [Ongoing] (Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts)

SKILLS

- Writing: Proficient in Academic Writing, Copywriting, Content Writing, and Fiction Writing.
- Languages: Fluent in English, Tamil, and Spanish, with reasonable spoken fluency in Malayalam.
- Research and Content Analysis: Proficient in both Qualitative as well as Quantitative Analysis when it comes to Academic writing and Research.
- Programming: Proficient in C, C++, and Python for development; SQLite for relational database management systems; HTML, CSS, JavaScript for web development and Flask (Micro Web Framework) for building web applications.
- Softwares: Office Suites (MS Office, LibreOffice, OnlyOffice); Scrivener (Drafting); Obsidian (Markdown Hyperlink); Basic Photo and Video Manipulation (MS Paint, GIMP, DaVinci Resolve, OBS Studio); Linux (GNU/Linux); Visual Studio Code (Integrated Development Environment).
- Tech: As an enthusiast, armed with knowledge of the inner workings of various products, niche or otherwise, on both hardware and software levels; Always up to date on the goings-on in the field; Comprehensive troubleshooting knowledge.

INTERESTS

- Writing: Passionate about writing stories and currently working on a novel; Blogging; Occasional Poet.
- Reading: Voracious Reader of diverse subjects from Fiction to Non-Fiction to Philosophy to Graphic Novels.
- Movies and TV: Big movie buff, very much into world cinema, specifically horror.
- Gaming: Avid video gamer, across a variety of genres which includes RTS, Action-Adventure, RPG, Metroidvania, City-Building, etc.
- Travelling: Passionate traveller; love to explore and meet a diverse range of people; visited eight countries so far.
- Languages: An extension of having an interest to meet different people. Also, interested in linguistics, specifically the glottological aspects of language studies.
- Chess: Playing for the love of the game since the age of seven, largely on the online platform of Lichess.
- Rubik's Cube: Can solve 2x2, 3x3, 4x4, and 5x5.
- Computers: Hugely into them from childhood; from home PCs to servers to single-board computers like Raspberry Pi.
- Philately: Have so far collected three big books of stamps from more than 10 different countries, both vintage and modern. Was part of the Indian Philately Bureau (Tamil Nadu Circle).

MISCELLANEOUS

- Was part of the NSS Unit of University of Madras and helped helm several urban-welfare projects like Blood Donation Camps, Hospital Services, Beach and River Cleanups.
- Have presented two papers at two National Conferences (COIN – Genocides and Oppression: Interpretations, Intersections, and Interstices, NIT).
- Was the Vice-President of EFLU Shillong's Film Club, and was actively engaged in screening films and promoting exposure towards World Cinema. Helped put together a film festival in the campus (Cherry Orchard Film Festival, 2022).
- Member of the Shillong Quizzing Society.
- Have published a short story in an international anthology titled "Jeremiad of Hearts" and self-published a short-story "Eight Minutes" as part of Amazon's KDP Literary Contest.
- Have taken part in Model United Nations (MUN) at school.
- Have extensively participated in inter-collegiate cultural events and have won several prizes, mainly prize positions in quizzes and creative writing.