

# Veer Pareek

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## Education

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**B.S. – University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (Champaign, IL)**

Graduation: May 2025

*Major:* Data Science & AI | *Minors:* Computer Science, French

GPA: 3.7/4.0

*Courses:* Data Structures & Algorithms, Computer Architecture, Machine Learning, Databases, Data Science Suite

## Certifications

*DeepLearning.ai:* Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Generative AI, completed all short courses

## Skills

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*Programming Languages:* Python, C, Java, C++, SQL, R, JavaScript, HTML, CSS, Bash,

*Concepts:* ML & AI, Deep Learning, Data Science, Prompt Engineering & Development, Cloud, Docker

*Frameworks:* PyTorch, TensorFlow, JAX, Transformers for AI, Pandas and Sklearn for Data Science, Node.js, MySQL

## Work Experience

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**Striim (Palo Alto, CA)**

June 2023 – August 2023

*Software Engineering Intern: Artificial Intelligence*

- Harnessed Generative AI to build a model that translates natural language queries into actionable, compliant TQL (SQL copilot) code.
- Built a consumer-facing documentation chatbot using OpenAI embeddings and LangChain, with Google search functionality. First intern project to be incorporated in the distributed platform.

**NextPhase.ai (San Mateo, CA)**

May 2022 – August 2022

*Data Science Intern*

- Enhanced data automation quality through visualization using Apache Superset; developed parameterized dashboards in Power BI and Excel from employee skills survey data, enabling managers to filter by skills like Technical, People, and Leadership.
- Integrated ZoomInfo to help prospect higher quality deals. Used profiling criteria such as technology stacks and current platforms used, along with categories like revenue, location, etc., to curate a list of targets.

## Technical Projects

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### GPThrive

*A Free GPT Therapy Chatbot*

June 2023 – September 2023

- Built a 1.75B parameter GPT model from scratch using “Attention is all you need”, “Language Models are Few-Shot Learners” and Andrej Karpathy’s YouTube tutorials. Used NCSA’s HAL Cluster for training.
- Used innovative data generation and RLHF with PPO techniques. Build simple chatbot UI with Gradio; Implemented “phone-call mode” using AssemblyAI and Google Cloud for more personal experience.

### BrailleSculpt

*English -> Braille -> 3D Print using an LSTM RNN*

November 2023

- Leveraged Google’s JAX and Deepmind’s Haiku for high-performance next token prediction.
- Enhanced the efficiency of text-to-Braille translation (Grade 2, Advanced language structure, not one-to-one character translation) using LSTM Recurrent Neural Nets; streamlined for aiding the visually impaired through easy access to 3D printable Braille outputs.

## Personal Website

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<https://vpareek2.github.io>