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Education

University of California, Santa Cruz

Master of Science in Computer Science

Manipal University, Jaipur

Bachelor of Technology in Information Technology

Sep 2023 - June 2025

CGPA: 3.91/4

July 2017 - May 2021

Awards and Certifications

- UCSC Kaggle's Competition Winner (2023): Achieved first place in the final project competition of 'Applied Machine Learning: Deep Learning" course with a final score of 88.4% using Vision Transformers, ultimately earning an A+ grade.
- 3rd Place at Innocircle 2022, Mercedes-Benz Internal Innovation Forum: Implemented micro frontend architecture to complement the existing process, enabling users to modify their vehicle network topology and review changes, eliminating previous dependencies and saving more than 50% of the time.
- AZ-900 Certification (2022): Passed the Microsoft Azure Fundamentals (AZ-900) certification with a score of 940/1000.
- Gold Medal Science Olympiad Foundation (2014): Awarded Gold Medal (School Topper) for the 16th National Science Olympiad. Achieved an International Rank of 633.
- Silver Medal Science Olympiad Foundation (2013): Awarded Silver Medal (2nd in School) for the 15th National Science Olympiad with an International Rank of 196.
- Bronze Medal Science Olympiad Foundation (2013): Awarded Bronze Medal (School Level) for the 2nd International English Olympiad.
- Gold Medal Science Olympiad Foundation (2012): Awarded Gold Medal (School Topper) for the 13th National Science Olympiad.

Experience

University of California, Santa Cruz

Santa Cruz, CA

AI Research Assistant & Teaching Assistant

Jan 2024 - Present

- AI Research Assistant (July 2024 Sep 2024)
 - * Conducting research under the supervision of Professor Yi Zhang focusing on advancing AI capabilities in **agent** capacity, agentic workflows, and web agents.
 - * Prototyping an **AI system** integrating intent-based matching and a **LangChain** agent with **FAISS**-powered **RAG** for context-aware task completion, using **wake word detection** to trigger the flow for seamless query processing.
- Teaching Assistant (Jan 2024 Current)
 - * CSE-180 Database Systems I Facilitated projects and labs on relational/non-relational data models, SQL query optimization, PostgreSQL internals, transaction management, indexing strategies, stored functions, and PL/pgSQL
 - * CSE-182 Introduction to Database Management Systems Facilitated projects and labs on relational/non-relational data models, SQL, Python database access, PostgreSQL, transactions, stored functions, and PL/pgSQL.
 - * CSE-115A Introduction to Software Engineering Mentored student groups with an Agile focus on software projects.

Cappemini Technology Services India Limited

Mumbai, India

 $Associate\ Consultant\ \mathcal{E}\ Senior\ Analyst$

July 2021 - Aug 2023

- Associate Consultant (Oct 2022 Aug 2023)
 - * Role: Java Backend Developer
 - * Performed software analysis, programming, testing, and debugging within XDIS, a monolithic legacy project utilizing a three-tier architecture, crucial for vehicle diagnostics and automation at Mercedes-Benz.
 - * Headed the Data Model and Diagnostic Team, showcasing solid cross-functional leadership.
 - * Optimized export testing by creating a wrapper around the Autosar framework and implementing an XML file import strategy, reducing overall testing time by 40% and speeding up export time for individual modules by 17% on average.
- Senior Analyst (July 2021 Sep 2022)
 - * Role: Java Backend Developer
 - * Designed, implemented, and maintained features using design patterns and conducting code reviews.
 - * Enhanced data models with new attributes and relationships; led database migration to a new version; Furthermore, I managed data migration and relational schema updates, optimizing table relationships and system integration.
 - * Dramatically optimized XML file migration time by an impressive 66.67%. Additionally, concurrently implementing indexing strategies for associated IBM Db2 database tables enhanced the tool's robustness.
- Senior Analyst Intern (Jan 2021 May 2021)
 - * Role: Java Full Stack Developer
 - * Led the development of a Medical Portal a team of 6 interns.
 - * Developed end-to-end Medical Portal using **Spring Boot** for the backend and **React** for the frontend. Integrated frontend and backend via Axios. Utilized **JUnit** for backend and **Jasmine** for frontend testing.
 - * Developed a **REST API** to facilitate distinct user roles (Admin, Doctor, Patient) to streamline appointment booking, doctor profile viewing, and medical history management for patients, while enabling doctors to review medical histories.

PgVector + | C/C++, PL/pgSQL, Database Systems, Vector Calculation

Jan 2024- March 2024

- Developed an advanced **PostgreSQL** extension on top of psyector for optimizing vector similarity search in diversified recommendation systems, significantly improving system performance and data retrieval accuracy for machine learning and AI applications.
- Implemented similarity and dissimilarity constraints and designed complex query compositions to enhance precision, relevance, and user engagement.
- Achieved an A in CSE 215 for excellence in **system design** and problem-solving.

Enhancing Image Captioning | Pytorch, Python Github

May 2024 - June 2024

- Developed and implemented a baseline LSTM model with ResNet50 for feature extraction using an encoder-decoder architecture. Integrated attention mechanisms to significantly enhance model performance with minimal training epochs.
- Conducted extensive experiments, including custom data splits and benchmarks, evaluated using the **BLEU** metric. Addressed irregular validation loss, explored learning rate schedules, and compared results with existing implementations.
- Completed this project as part of the "Deep Learning for Advanced Computer Vision" course, securing an A+ grade.

Unveiling Glitches in CLIP | Hugging Face, Python, pgVector, OpenAI-API Arxiv

Jan 2024 - March 2024

- Developed PgVector+, an advanced extension for PostgreSQL (pgvector) that optimized vector similarity search by implementing features like diversified recommendation systems, significantly improving system performance.
- Implemented similarity and dissimilarity constraints to boost the precision and relevance of search results, enhancing data retrieval accuracy and providing tailored recommendations for machine learning and AI applications.
- Designed and implemented low-level composition of multiple queries to support complex search criteria, improving vector data management and user engagement. Successfully achieved a **A grade** in CSE 215: Design and Implementation of Database Systems at UCSC for this project, demonstrating strong system design and problem-solving skills.

Video to Mp3 Converter Service | Flask, Docker, Kubernetes, RabbitMQ, MongoDB Github

Dec 2023

- Developed a microservices-based system with four services, including an authentication gateway, authorization service, video upload service and converter service.
- The gateway authenticates users via an authorization service, generating **JWT tokens** for valid users and enabling secure video. Video-to-MP3 conversion was facilitated using the Python library "moviepy".
- Employed asynchronous communication using **RabbitMQ** queue, Utilized **Docker** for containerization, **Kubernetes** for orchestration, and **Minikube** for local development, ensuring consistent and scalable deployment across environments.

Technical Skills

Programming Languages: Java, Python, Node.js, JavaScript, C/C++, TypeScript, Go

Backend Development: Core Java, Spring, Spring Boot, REST APIs, GraphQL, Microservices Architecture

Frontend Development: React, Redux, JavaScript, Responsive UI Development, Web Fundamentals, DOM Manipulation Databases: RDBMS (Oracle, MySQL, PostgreSQL), NoSQL (MongoDB, Redis), Vector Databases, pgvector, Pinecone

Software Development Tools: Git/GitHub, Jenkins (CI/CD), Docker, Kubernetes, Maven, Gradle, Jira

Testing and Automation: Test Driven Development (TDD), Behavior Driven Development (BDD)

Cloud and Distributed Systems: AWS (EC2, S3, RDS, Lambda, DynamoDB), GCP, Azure, SaaS/PaaS

Miscellaneous: Agile/SAFe Development Practices, Debugging, Troubleshooting, Documentation, SDLC Lifecycle

Selected Coursework: Advanced Machine Learning Techniques, Data Structures and Algorithms, Artificial Intelligence,

Distributed Systems, Design and Implementation of Database Systems, Advanced Computer Vision