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EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University • Pittsburgh • PA

Master of Science • Artificial Intelligence and Innovation • GPA: 4.0

College of Engineering Trivandrum • Trivandrum • India

Bachelor of Technology • Computer Science & Engg. • GPA: 9.0

SKILLS

Skills Python, Java, JavaScript, C++, PyTorch, SQL, React, Redux, Next.js, TypeScript, Azure, HTML, CSS, Mixpanel

WORK EXPERIENCE

Providence Global LLP – Software Engineer 2

Hyderabad, India

- Designed and implemented client-side analytics for trusana.com with A/B testing, Mixpanel integration, and user cohort analysis, driving a 9% boost in conversion rates over 4 months.
- Optimized website load time from 12 seconds to P99 under 3 seconds using GZIP compression, webpack bundle optimization, and React lazy loading, reducing user dropoff rates by 40%
- Built a pipeline for de-identification and summarizing/generating patient responses/charting notes using fine tuned local models (LLaMa-7B)
- Delivered a Trusana landing page within 2 weeks, ensuring WCAG 2.0 AA compliance with tools like ARIA landmarks and keyboard navigation, screen reader support.
- Led a team of 3 engineers to develop a platform from scratch to support hospital front-line workers, reducing workload-related burnout incidents by 15%.
- Delivered a healthcare platform from scratch to MVP within 2 months and to full production in another 3 months, providing real-time support for over 500 caregivers.
- Promoted in 1.5 years for leading delivery of key MVPs, including an E2E video calling feature and an iOS app, showcasing rapid learning and cross-functional impact.

Projects

LoRA implementation (Python, Pytorch)

- This notebook was a small project to understand LoRA finetuning. It implements LoRA from scratch primarily using the paper as a guide.
- I could achieve 97.9% of the performance of normal finetuning with as little as 7.7% of the trainable weights compared to the traditional approach.

Accessibility - enabled by LVM (Python, Pytorch)

- Designing an accessibility enhancement app that leverages large vision models (e.g., GPT-4V) to provide screen-reader compatibility and voice-controlled navigation for websites lacking built-in accessibility.
- Employing Claude APIs and GPT-4 voice models to optimize real-time user interaction workflows for accessibility, focusing on seamless action execution and user adaptability.

RAG pipeline for library specific docs (Python, Pytorch, Pinecone)

- Developed a RAG based interface for library documentation which doesn't exist in training data for gpt models.
- Scraped docs, converted them to md with firecrawl, chunked the data and setup a pipeline for MIPS to surface relevant chunks, on pinecone.

Image Diffusion model (Python, Pytorch)

• Built a diffusion model using a custom UNet architecture and PyTorch to create denoised abstract images, utilized as thematic visuals for blog posts on my website, showcasing proficiency in generative AI techniques.

Pittsburgh 2 Peers - Live Demo / Recorded Demo (React, .NET, Vercel)

- Developed a React/.NET-based community app for CMU students, facilitating rideshare and bulk purchasing coordination, achieving 500+ active users within 3 months.
- Conducted requirements analysis, market research, and UX studies using tools like Figma, leading to the successful deployment of a community engagement platform.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Awarded the IEEE Richard E. Merwin Scholarship, recognizing global excellence in academics and volunteering as one of only 16 recipients worldwide.

Won the Nucleate Pittsburgh Biotech Hackathon out of 200 participants by designing a real-time feedback system for ENT surgeons, leveraging machine learning to enhance cochlear implant success rates.

Runner Up, Reboot Kerala | Healthcare Category, out of 30+ State level finalists, for designing a private WebRTC based E2E therapy scheduling solution.

Achieved a top 10% ranking (Rank 296 of 3000+) in the IEEE Xtreme 2020 global competitive coding challenge. NTSE Scholar - One of 1000 students selected annually at the national level for academic excellence.

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August 2024

June 2024

September 2024

November 2024

October 2024

August 2021 - July 2024

Anticipated graduation - 05/26

Graduated - 07/21