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EDUCATION

PES University **July 2018 – May 2022**
B.Tech in Computer Science and Engineering, CGPA: 9.54/10, Class Top 5% *Bangalore, Karnataka*
Specialization: Systems and Core Computing

RV PU College **May 2016 – Apr 2018**
II PU State Boards: 95.33%, KCET State Rank: 276 *Bangalore, Karnataka*

Carmel School **June 2006 – Apr 2016**
10th Grade ICSE Boards: 96.83% *Bangalore, Karnataka*

COURSEWORK

- Engineering Mathematics - I & II
- Discrete Mathematics & Logic
- Linear Algebra
- Introduction to Computing using Python
- Problem Solving with C
- Programming with C++
- Advanced Java
- Data Structures
- Design & Analysis of Algorithms
- Advanced Algorithms
- Generic Programming
- Design Patterns
- Fine Techniques - I & II
- Performance Engineering
- Digital Design & Computer Organization
- Microprocessor & Computer Architecture
- Theory of Computation
- Computer Networks
- Operating Systems
- Compiler Design
- Machine Intelligence
- Database Management Systems
- Big Data
- Cloud Computing
- Object Oriented Analysis & Design with Software Engineering

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: C, C++, Python, Java, Shell Script
Programming: Generic Programming, Parallel Programming, Vectorization & SIMD, Android App Development
Developer Tools: Visual Studio, Android Studio, Unreal Engine, Docker, Kubernetes, AWS Console
Technologies/Frameworks: Linux, LLVM, Git, LaTeX, Agile, CI/CD
Soft Skills: Research acumen, Team Management, Project Management

EXPERIENCE

Samsung R&D Institute India - Bangalore **July 2022 – Ongoing**
Advanced Developer & Researcher, 6G Lab | C, C++, Python, SIMD, Vectorization, LLVM *Bangalore, Karnataka*

- Worked in the *Platform & Software Research* team at *6G Lab*, building the platforms & software for future technologies
- Implemented an end-to-end test bed that achieved 100 Gbps in the data plane as a proof-of-concept for 6G
- Explored SIMD and Vectorization for different architectures like Intel, ARM & AMD, realizing gains of up to 20%
- Researched compilers, LLVM, and designed custom passes for various optimizations, achieving 10% improvements
- Involved in the creation of IPs, Provisional Specifications, Patents, Research Papers, and Technical Blogs
- Mentored a Spring Intern and interviewed candidates for Summer Internship

Samsung R&D Institute India - Bangalore **Jan 2022 – July 2022**
Research Intern, Vision Research Team | Python, Unreal Engine, Computer Vision & Graphics *Bangalore, Karnataka*

- Built a Photorealistic Data Engine for the purpose of Depth Estimation

PES University **Jan 2022 – May 2022**
Teaching Assistant | C, C++, Data Structures, Algorithms *Bangalore, Karnataka*

- Teaching Assistant for the course - *Design and Analysis of Algorithms* for over 1000 students
- Under the guidance of Prof. NS Kumar and Prof. Channa Bankapur
- Created course content, assignments, projects, and a comprehensive evaluation system

Samsung R&D Institute India - Bangalore **May 2021 – July 2021**
Research Intern, IoT Platform & Connectivity Team | Android Studio, IoT, Smart Things *Bangalore, Karnataka*

- Improved the User Experience via the Smart Things IoT Ecosystem

- Built an alternate and effective solution to solve a particular use case for the Smart Things Application

Center for Data Science and Applied Machine Learning, PES University **June 2019 – July 2019**
Research Intern | Python, C++, Unreal Engine, Computer Vision *Bangalore, Karnataka*

- Implemented the Spacetime Trajectory Estimation Project [Link]
- Simulated the events after a video in a Physics Engine such as Unreal

PROJECTS

Automated Parallelization of Source Code using Program Comprehension | *C++, Clava, LARA, Pthreads, OpenMP*

- A research project aimed at exploring methods to improve the performance of sequential source code by automatically converting it to its functionally accurate parallel equivalent to ensure efficient utilization of the underlying hardware
- Implemented Intra-Function Parallelism and Inter-Function Parallelism
- Intra-Function parallelism was implemented using program comprehension to identify the algorithm of a particular code section and replace it with the optimized parallel version based on the defined mapping in the backend database
- Inter-Function parallelism was implemented using a novel thread scheduling algorithm that enabled the parallel execution of the different functions in the original sequential program
- Achieved a substantial performance gain of up to 500 times for large data
- [Project Details] [Video Demo] [Report] [Presentation] [Code]

Generic Programming in C | *C, Design Patterns*

- A project aimed at implementing Generic Programming features as a design pattern in C, using pre-processor directives
- Implemented generic containers - list, stack, queue, vector, and hashmap supporting all the different data types
- Implemented Iterators for each of these containers to decouple the containers and algorithms
- Implemented Generic Algorithms like find, find_if, count, count_if, min, max, accumulate that make use of the iterators
- [Project Details] [Video Demo] [Report] [Readme] [Code]

Implementation of Treaps | *C++, Generic Programming*

- A project aimed at implementing Treap as a generic data structure along with its different functionalities
- A Treap stores pairs (say [X,Y]) in a binary tree such that it is a binary search tree by X and a binary heap by Y
- Built the entire treap and its individual nodes as generic, canonical classes supporting all the different data types
- Supported operations such as insert & delete a node, split, merge, union, intersection, difference & traversal of treaps
- Implemented a bidirectional iterator as a nested class within the treap class
- Implemented multiple member algorithms such as find and replace
- [Project Details] [Video Demo] [Report] [Readme] [Code]

Mini-Compiler for Python | *Lex, Yacc, C++, Python, Compiler Design*

- A project aimed at implementing a mini compiler for the Python programming language
- Supported the different phases of a typical compiler, namely lexical analysis, syntax analysis, semantic analysis, intermediate code generation, and intermediate code optimization
- Supported the if, if-else, if-elif-else and for constructs, arithmetic, relational and logical operators, keywords, identifiers, and various other features, including error detection and error handling mechanisms
- [Project Details] [Video Demo] [Report] [Code]

YACS - Yet Another Centralized Scheduler | *Python, Sockets, Threading, Logging*

- A project aimed at implementing a centralized scheduling framework for the Master-Worker paradigm
- The Master node receives job requests, which are scheduled on multiple slots across available worker machines
- The Master process consists of separate threads to listen to requests, to schedule map and reduce tasks, and to listen to job completion information from workers
- The Worker process listens to job allocation information and simulates execution
- Implemented three different scheduling algorithms, namely Least loaded, Round Robin, and Randomised
- [Project Details] [Report] [Code]

Spacetime Trajectory Estimation | *Python, C++, Unreal Engine, Computer Vision & Graphics*

- A project aimed at simulating the events occurring after the end of a given video
- Implemented the following different stages in sequence:
  1. Detecting the relative depth of objects from a single camera using relative monocular depth perception
  2. Identifying the objects in the video using the YOLO Object Detection model
  3. Tracking the selected objects using a Multi-Object Tracker and OpenCV

4. Using the assimilated information to accurately estimate the three-dimensional kinematic parameters of the objects
5. Simulating the events after the video in Unreal Engine by spawning the selected objects with calculated parameters

- Can enhance the decision-making abilities of self-driving vehicles & generate diverse data to train learning models
- [Project Details] [Video Demo]

Blockchain based Transaction System | *NodeJS, Postman, Python, Javascript, Blockchain*

- A project aimed at implementing a custom Blockchain from scratch for a fast and secure Healthcare Transaction System
- Patient records and organ/blood donation transaction details are stored on a decentralized ledger using a Blockchain
- Enables the secure storage of patient records to provide a common interface for hospitals and patients with the right permissions to access and update the data seamlessly
- Enables a transparent process for organ/blood donations, thereby eliminating any malicious practices
- Implemented a front-end website to access and retrieve records and to participate in organ/blood transactions
- [Project Details] [Presentation]

Voice based Grievance System | *NLP, IBM Watson NLU, Python, Django*

- A project aimed at simplifying the recording of citizen grievances and their addressal by the concerned civic department
- Implemented the following different stages in sequence:
  1. Recording the complaints in voice and text format through the developed Android mobile application
  2. Conversion of the voice complaints to text
  3. Classification and redirection of the grievances to the concerned departments
  4. Ranking of the complaints within a department based on several parameters like severity, time-critical nature, etc.
- Implemented a mobile app to record the complaints and a front-end website for the respective departments
- [Project Details] [Presentation]

BLOGS

Optimization **Link**

A technical blog on performance optimization

Vector Processing **Link**

A technical blog on Vector Processing and SIMD

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

CNR Rao Merit Scholarship - PES University **All semesters**

Received merit scholarships for being among the top 5% in Undergraduate academics *(2018-2022)*

Spot Award - Samsung Research **June 2023**

Recognized and Awarded for outstanding contribution to Research at Samsung

Super Tech Excellence Award - Samsung Research **Jan 2024**

Recognized and Awarded for outstanding contribution to Advanced Development and Research at Samsung

Google Hash Code Coding Competition - Top 100 **Feb 2020**

India Rank: 87, Global Rank: 933

Google Hash Code Coding Competition - Top 150 **Feb 2021**

India Rank: 128, Global Rank: 847

Microsoft's Hashcode Hackathon - Third Place **Sept 2019**

Won third place in Hashcode, a hackathon by Microsoft Innovation Lab for Blockchain-based Transaction System

Sutherland's Innovathon - Finalist **Feb 2020**

Top 20 for Voice based Grievance System at Sutherlands Innovathon

Bhopal Smart City Hackathon - Finalist **Dec 2019**

Top 25 for Voice based Grievance System at Bhopal Smart City Hackathon

Rakuten Hackathon - Finalist **Oct 2019**

Top 50 for Blockchain based Transaction System at Rakuten Hackathon

IIT Bombay's E-yantra Robotics Competition - Pre-Finalist **Dec 2019**

Reached the pre-final round at IIT Bombay's E-Yantra Robotics Competition

Guinness World Record Holder **Sept 2015**

Awarded for being a part of the largest electronic keyboard ensemble

Special Grant Award - Government of India **Aug 2017**

Awarded for Outstanding achievements in drawing and painting with over 100 State-level prizes, 25 National-level prizes and 3 International-level prizes