Syed Rafay Hashmi

Software Developer

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Professional Profile

Software Developer with hands-on experience building Al-powered applications using large language models, FastAPI, and modern backend/frontend technologies. Designed and delivered end-to-end product features that integrate LLM APIs, data pipelines, and intuitive chat-based UX.

I thrive in fast-moving environments where pragmatic engineering, security best practices, and ownership of features from concept to deployment are essential.

Primary stack: Python, C#, FastAPI, WPF, ASP.NET, SQL, React.js

Education

10/2023 - Present Master of Science in Computer Science

Saarland University, Saarbrücken, Germany

11/2017 - 08/2021 Bachelor of Engineering (Electronic)

NED University of Engineering & Technology, Karachi, Pakistan

Work History

03/2024 - Present

Student Assistant (Software Developer)

Fraunhofer Institute for Non-Destructive Testing (IZFP) | Saarbrücken, Germany

- Built and deployed a FastAPI-based OPC UA to HTTP bridge to enable secure interoperability between industrial systems and AI-driven services.
- Developed an Al-assisted feature in an in-house non-destructive testing application using Azure OpenAl services, enabling natural language interaction for creating and editing Dataflow-Designs and improving overall user efficiency.
- Built a high-precision object measurement tool in Python with OpenCV and contributed to exploratory ML and data visualization tasks for signal analysis and diagnostics.
- Maintained and extended a modular WPF .NET desktop application for sensor data visualization and control in non-destructive testing (NDT) systems, including feature development, bug fixes, and UI modernization using MVVM.
- Built internal tools including a real-time query executor and Grafana dashboards to enhance monitoring and analysis, and created a configurable .NET installer to streamline deployment and also improved overall code quality and documentation.

07/2023 - 10/2023

Assistant Manager - ADMS

K-Electric - Application Development & Management Services | Karachi, Pakistan

- Developed and maintained RESTful backend services using ASP.NET (C#), Entity Framework, and SQL Server, supporting a user base of 3.7M+.
- Integrated a secure payment gateway (PayPro) to enable seamless digital bill payments, improving user experience and reducing manual tasks.
- Created internal tools for customer-facing operations, such as portals for load estimation and cost assessment, and developed an API for tax services, enabling external systems to securely retrieve data.
- Provided support and fixes for bulk email dispatch systems to ensure reliable large-scale communication for bills and customer updates.

07/2022 - 06/2023

Management Trainee - IT

K-Electric - Application Development & Management Services | Karachi, Pakistan

- Supported maintenance and feature enhancements for customer-facing applications, contributing to system stability and responsiveness.
- Developed internal web tools to digitize manual processes, accelerating service delivery and reducing operational costs.
- Assisted in refactoring legacy codebases to improve performance, maintainability, and compliance with security standards.
- Participated in IT Governance, Risk, and Compliance activities, including change management, audit readiness, and policy updates.

10/2021 - 07/2022

Research Assistant (Software Developer)

National Center of Artificial Intelligence - NED University | Karachi, Pakistan

- Led software development for "Eco System Development for EV," a funded project by AIM-GE LLC (USA), delivering scalable solutions for electric vehicle ecosystem data acquisition and management.
- Designed and deployed a full-stack system to process and visualize industrial energy analyzer data, enabling actionable insights for energy efficiency improvements.
- Optimized firmware for an Indigenous IoT-Based Smart Fan (Tamoor Fans), reducing power consumption and improving data transmission reliability.

Technical Leadership

09/2020 - 10/2021

Technical Lead

Google Developer Student Club - NED University Chapter | Karachi, Pakistan

- Designed and delivered 8+ technical workshops on Google Technologies, and additionally organized a 30-day Data Science Bootcamp, collectively upskilling 500+ students in practical coding skills.
- Independently developed and deployed a deep learning-based macular disease detection system as part of the Google Solution Challenge.
- Provided technical guidance and code reviews for student-led projects, ensuring clean architecture and practical deployment readiness.

Technical Skills

Programming Languages: Python, C#, JavaScript, C/C++

Application Development Frameworks: WPF, ASP.NET, FastAPI, React.js, Flask

Machine Learning: LLM integration (OpenAl API, Hugging Face, Ollama), TensorFlow, PyTorch, Scikit-Learn, OpenCV

Data Science: Pandas, NumPy, SQL, QuestDB, Matplotlib, Plotly, Power BI

DevOps & Cloud: AWS, GCP, Docker, Kubernetes

Other Tools & Technologies: Firebase, Git, Linux, Grafana

Courses & Certifications

Full-Stack Developer Nanodegree, Udacity

React Nanodegree, Udacity

Deep Learning Nanodegree, Udacity

Applied Machine Learning in Python, University of Michigan

The Arduino Platform and C Programming, University of California - Irvine

Additional Skills & Interests

Languages: English (C1), Urdu (Mother Tongue), German (A1)

Interests: Chess, learning German, hiking, photography