Vraj Shah Software Engineer

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Software Engineer (Fullstack)

05/2024 - Present

Bangalore, IN

Loop Health

- Spearheaded engineering excellence initiatives to ramp up the team to deliver quality under tight timelines.
- Architected postgres schemas to serve one of its kind automated health insurance claims experience.

Founding Engine

10/2021 - Present

Bluelearn Bangalore, IN

- Established and led a **five-member team**, mentoring new hires while successfully managing 5 concurrent projects and overseeing recruitment efforts (screening, interviewing, onboarding).
- Architected scalable web infrastructure (Docker, AWS ECR, Lambda, CloudFront, API Gateway, Terraform), defining tech stack, tooling, coding standards, and DevOps processes. This enabled the deployment of Next.js micro-frontends, handling 500k+ traffic surges with sub-100ms global load times.
- Designed and implemented backend features, from database schemas to RESTful APIs. Developed scripts(Go/Python), bots, and crawlers to automate tasks and enhance data collection.
- Rapidly prototyped experimental solutions under 1-2 day deadlines, accelerating the company's path to initial revenue.
- Developed an in-house push notification system enabling precise targeting based on SQL queries and Mixpanel data. This solution replaced MoEngage, cutting costs by ₹2-3 lakh annually and keeping the data within the company.
- Engineered a **Redis-backed reactive ranking system** for a hiring platform, prioritizing top applicants for recruiters and increasing visibility for qualified candidates.
- Worked on an IP-based user tracking service, enabling pre-signup analytics for the marketing team. This solution eliminated external service costs (saving ₹12 lakh annually) and reducing effective CAC.
- Proactively built a custom Tailwind-based headless component library (predating ShadCN). Progressively iterated over UI frameworks (Ant Design, SCSS, Bootstrap, Chakra UI, Tailwind) to enhance UI development toolkit.
- Engineered a feature-rich, direct and group **chat feature from scratch** using Socket.IO, supporting 5000+ messages per day with media and sticker capabilities.
- Collaborated on a React Native design platform, developing cross-platform components to enable dynamic, backend-driven UIs (via JSON schema) for web and mobile.

Frontend Developer (Freelance)

09/2020 - 08/2021

PresentStorie

Remote

- Developed production-grade frontends with animations and polished UX for the e-commerce and vendor sides of the gifting startup.
- Established a custom SCSS-based design system to achieve pixel-perfect interfaces and streamline development.

EDUCATION

SVIT, Vasad (Gujarat Technological University)

08/2019 - 06/2023

Bachelors in Computer Engineering (8.1 CGPA)

Vadodara, IN

LEADERSHIP AND PROJECTS

Lead, Hack Club SVIT

08/2021 - 01/2023

- Founded Hack Club SVIT, fostering a 1000-member student community.
- Directed branding, design, development (<u>landing pages</u>, <u>app</u>, <u>backend</u>) and logistics for <u>HackSVIT</u>, a national-level hackathon.
- Cultivated technical talent through talks, workshops, mentorship, and hackathons, while leading a core team of 20 members.

Computer Vision & Machine Learning Research Project, SVIT

12/2021 - 11/2022

• Iterated over CV and ML algorithms (contour-based, watershed, R-CNN, YOLO) to optimize accuracy for agricultural applications.

Jr. Placement Coordinator, Training & Placement Cell (SVIT)

03/2021 - 03/2022

College Management System App, SVIT

12/2020 - 11/2021

• Contributed to the college's flutter app with 3000+ students & faculties for accessing attendance, timetables & marks.

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Programming Languages: Javascript/Typescript, Golang, Python, Ruby, HTML, CSS

Tools & Frameworks: PostgreSQL, Express, React, Next.js, React Native, Webpack, GSAP, Tailwind, WebSockets, Docker, AWS Cloud, Terraform, Mixpanel, Figma, Vim