

# RISHIK SARKAR

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## EDUCATION

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### Cornell University

Master of Engineering in Computer Science

Aug 2024 – (May 2025)

GPA: 3.9/4.0

### Rutgers University-New Brunswick

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (Honors), Cognitive Science

Sep 2020 – May 2024

GPA: 3.9/4.0

- Honors: Summa Cum Laude, SAS Honors Program, Phi Beta Kappa, Dean's List

## EXPERIENCE

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### Software Engineer (Contract)

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Oct 2024 – Nov 2024

New York, NY

- Built a secure, streamlined asset management system for an interior design startup, leveraging **MongoDB Atlas** for scalable data storage and dynamic **SVG** handling for on-the-fly asset integration.
- Developed a responsive frontend using **Next.js** and **Tailwind CSS**, enhancing asset visualization and overall user experience.

### Research Assistant

Princeton University (CCNP)

Sep 2023 – Aug 2024

Princeton, NJ

- Engineered a Python-based **ETL pipeline** to consolidate 800+ Excel, CSV, and JSON files from five clinical studies into a unified **SQLite** database with automated schema generation and key constraints.
- Designed a streamlined **Tkinter** GUI for non-technical researchers to execute custom SQL queries and perform advanced **CRUD operations** via **Pandas**, simplifying data analysis workflows.

### Full-Stack Developer Intern

Provenir (Fintech)

Jun 2023 – Dec 2023

Parsippany, NJ

- Developed an automated credit risk decisioning system by integrating multiple ML models (Decision Trees, Random Forests, XGBoost, RNNs) with **scikit-learn** and **TensorFlow**, achieving 95% accuracy and supporting 95% fully automated underwriting.
- Enhanced model transparency with **SHAP/LIME**, wrote 100+ unit tests (**MockMvc**), and streamlined **Minikube** deployments, boosting reliability by 20% and reducing time-to-decision by up to 98%.
- Refined API endpoints for artifact generation and log retrieval to enable real-time monitoring, driving continuous improvements and contributing to a 135% increase in conversions.

## PROJECTS

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### ReddiGist | Next.js, Flask, TypeScript, NLP, Supabase

Oct 2024 – Present

- Developed a full-stack web application that analyzes Reddit discussions by processing up to 5,000 comments per request using multi-threaded retrieval and n-gram detection for accurate summarization.
- Optimized performance with **LRU caching** and batch processing, and managed data persistence via **Supabase**.
- Planning integration of **RoBERTa** for advanced semantic analysis and an analytics dashboard for real-time insights.

### Tch.ai | Next.js, Tailwind, Flask, Keras, OpenCV, Pandas, MySQL

Apr 2023 – Jul 2023

- Built a full-stack web application deploying a **Keras** image classifier and tokenizer to recommend songs based on mood predictions from facial expressions and text.
- Trained the model on the **FER-2013** dataset using **OpenCV** with a Haar Cascade classifier, achieving ~96% training and >70% validation accuracy.
- Designed a **Next.js/Tailwind CSS** frontend supporting multiple genre selection methods and integrated a remote **MySQL** database for user account management.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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**Languages:** Python, Java, C++, JavaScript, C, SQL, C#

**Web Technologies:** HTML, CSS, Next.js, Tailwind CSS, Flask, Spring

**Databases/DevOps:** MySQL, MongoDB, SQLite, JDBC, Supabase, Docker, Kubernetes, Jenkins, Amazon AWS, Git, Jira

**Theory/Concepts:** Data Structures & Algorithms, Object-Oriented Design, Design Patterns, System Design, Distributed Systems, Version Control