

# ANISHA GUNJAL

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## EDUCATION

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**Pune Institute of Computer Technology** University of Pune  
Bachelor of Engineering in Computer, GPA: **3.86 / 4.0** (First Class with Distinction) Jul 2014 – May 2018

## EXPERIENCE

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- **CLVR Lab, University of Southern California** Los Angeles, California  
Visiting Researcher, Supervisor: Prof. Joseph Lim May 2021 - present
  - **Task-Induced Representation Learning**
    - Learning representation from image-based observation for transfer on unseen Reinforcement Learning tasks.
- **HyperVerge, Inc.** *Silicon Valley Deep Learning Startup* Bangalore, India  
Machine Learning Engineer Jun 2018 – May 2021
  - **Document Information Extraction**
    - Lead AI Researcher for building Information Extraction pipeline using **Computer Vision** and **NLP**.
    - OCR Product deployed in India, Vietnam, Indonesia & Malaysia serving **280 million people** in 2019.
  - **Key Entity Recognition for Identification Documents**
    - Pre-training and finetuning BERT-like architectures for extracting key customer information from documents.
  - **Team Lead for Documents AI Research** ○ Team Size: 6
- **ITC InfoTech** Bangalore, India  
Data Science Intern Jun 2017 – Aug 2017
  - R&D Project: Facial Emotion Recognition using Computer Vision.

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Diabetic Retinopathy Grading using Deep Siamese Network** Jul 2018
- Poster Presentation in Joint ICML IJCAI 2018 **Workshop on Computational Biology**
  - [Link to Paper](#) ○ [Link to Workshop](#)

## ACHIEVEMENTS

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- **Document Visual Question Answering Challenge, CVPR 2020** *Lead Researcher* Mar 2020 – Sep 2020
  - Project Link: <https://github.com/anisha2102/docvqa>
  - Question Answering on document images using modified BERT architecture for text and layout representations.
  - **Leaderboard Rank 4** ○ [Blogpost](#) ○ [Workshop](#)
- **Hack2Innovate: MUMBAI EDITION** *National Level AI Hackathon by Niti Ayog* Nov 2017
  - 1st position : NVIDIA's Open AI Challenge ○ **Sketch2Face** [github.com/anisha2102/sketch2face](https://github.com/anisha2102/sketch2face)
    - Conditional GANs for generating photographs from human sketches.
  - 1st position : Samsung's SMS Classification Challenge
  - 1st position : Samsung's Hand Gesture Recognition Challenge

## TEACHING

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- Teaching Assistant, PICT** : Multidisciplinary Natural Language Processing. Jul 2017 – Dec 2017
- Topics: *Machine Learning and NLP, Speech Communication, Advanced Tools and Applications of NLP*

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

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- Automatic Parsing of Handwritten Answer Sheets** advised by Prof. Geetanjali Kale Jul 2020 – Present
- Developing Handwritten Text Detection and Document Semantic Parsing algorithms for exam answer sheets.
- iMaterialist Challenge 2018 - Furniture** : FGVC5 Workshop at CVPR 2018 Mar 2018
- A fine grained image classification problem of categorising furniture into 128 classes.
  - Leaderboard Rank : 46 (Top 10 percent)
- Plant Seedling Classification**: Kaggle Competition Jan 2018
- Project Link: [github.com/anisha2102/plant-seedling-classification](https://github.com/anisha2102/plant-seedling-classification)
  - Image Recognition to identify the species of plant seedling images. ◦ Mean F-Score: 0.97

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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**Languages and Frameworks**: Python, C++, Java, Pytorch, Tensorflow, Keras, Caffe, MXNet, TensorRT  
**Technologies**: Computer Vision, Natural Language Processing, Machine Learning, Full Stack Deep Learning

## CERTIFICATIONS

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- **Neural Networks and Deep Learning** by *deeplearning.ai*
- **Programming Mobile Applications for Android Handheld Systems** by *University of Maryland, College Park*
- **Introduction to HTML5 and CSS3** by *University of Michigan*

## SOCIETIES AND INVOLVEMENTS

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- **JupyterCon 2020** : Reviewer
- **Deep Learning Indaba 2018** : Accepted Student Research Presenter
- **TEDxPICT 2017** : Lead Operations and Curation
- **PICT IEEE Student Branch** : Android App Development Team and Volunteer