ATHARVA RAJALE

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SUMMARY

A builder-operator who learns the fundamentals first, then optimizes it end to end through first principles. Ships complete products with tests and launch materials. Loves to show creativity, and genuinely enjoys the craft. Also, an avid hobby picker-upper.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- **AI Engineering:** LLM App Dev, RAG, Semantic Search, Local LLM Deployment, Agentic Workflows & Governance.
- **Product and Processes:** Requirements Specification, Product Design, Workflow Automation, Product Launches.
- **Communication and Brand:** Technical Writing, Brand System Dev, Corporate Training Delivery, Video Production.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Aritra Partners | **Mumbai, India**

AI/BI Manager (Lead, Strategic Initiatives) | Oct 2026 – Current

- Developed a complete Due Diligence interface, which took the team from initial data collection to a finished report.
- Built Ari, firm-wide governed AI portal for 60+ staff; cut costs, added usage auditing, and defined outputs.
- Delivered AI fluency training across firm and VC partners; built team productivity and transcription tools.

AI/BI Senior Associate | Oct 2026

AI/BI Associate | Jan 2026 – Oct 2026

- Built SecDesk approval platform for Blume Ventures; 8+ VC partners, saved 85% of two compliance executives' time.
- Shipped FMV Valuation and Verity term sheet products; report turnaround cut from days to hours.
- Codified the firm's brand into reusable AI skills (logo system, palette, typography).

EDUCATION

M.Sc. Analytics

Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) | **Jun 2024 – Jun 2026**

B.Sc. Information Technology

Narsee Monjee College, University of Mumbai | **Jun 2021 – Jun 2024**

PROJECTS

Shiny Dex (100%) in Pokémon FireRed (Nintendo Switch), using Applied Math

- Obtained all 182 Pokémon in FireRed, plus all 28 Unown forms. Each one was caught or hatched shiny on the original Switch release, with no emulators or cheats.
- Used RNG manipulation to time button presses to the exact 16 ms frame with EonTimer and planned target frames with community tools (Ten Lines/PokeFinder). Recalibrated after each attempt to find IVs from the stats of test catches.
- Pulled off odds of up to 1 in 50 million, including a shiny Dragonair holding a Dragon Fang (never found before) and a shiny Chansey holding a Lucky Egg. Learned the game's random-number mechanics straight from its decompiled source code.

CERTIFICATIONS & AWARDS

- **Certifications:** Suite of Anthropic Courses [AI Fluency, Capability & Limitations, Agents] | Advanced Google Analytics | IBM: Python for Data Science, AI & Development | Google: Data Analysis with R Programming
- **Awards:** Received firm-wide accolades at Aritra Partners for stellar performance and innovative approaches.

INTERESTS/FORMER PASSIONS

- Chess (Intermediate Level) | Origami | Video Editing | Competitive Gaming (Top 0.1% in Valorant)