


# Abhijeet Krishnan

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## Education

**North Carolina State University**

*PhD, Department of Computer Science*

Raleigh, NC, USA

*Jan 2018 - present*

- Advised by: Dr. Arnav Jhala, Dr. Chris Martens

**North Carolina State University**

*Master of Science in Computer Science (en-route)*

Raleigh, NC, USA

*Jan 2018 - Dec 2020*

**Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology**

*Bachelors of Technology, Department of Computer Science and Engineering*

Nagpur, MH, India

*Aug 2013 - May 2017*

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## Work Experience

### Industry

**TCS Research**

*Intern*

Remote

*June 2023 - Aug 2023*

- Researched the applicability of the decision transformer model to the problem of synthesizing programmatic policies

**Zynga Inc.**

*Data Science Intern*

Remote

*May 2021 - Aug 2021*

- Extended a game-description language to enable expressing new game modes in the mobile game Spell Forest
- Redesigned an internal simulator framework for scalability and generality

**Principles of Expressive Machines (POEM) Lab**

*Graduate Research Assistant*

Raleigh, NC, USA

*Jan 2019 - Dec 2019*

- Invented a rule-based model for predicting player skill that could be learned from gameplay traces

**Knexus Research Corp.**

*AI Intern*

National Harbor, MD, USA

*June 2019 - Aug 2019*

- Developed an automated planning-based system for generating children's stories using a novel story graph generation algorithm

Goldman Sachs  
Summer Employee

Bengaluru, KA, India  
May 2016 - Aug 2016

- Developed and tested a patch for a bug in a critical 1500+ line C++ codebase

## Publications

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- **Krishnan, Abhijeet** and Chris Martens. "Synthesizing Chess Tactics from Player Games." In *Workshop on Artificial Intelligence for Strategy Games (SG) and Esports Analytics (EA), 18th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Interactive Digital Entertainment*. 2022 (in press).
- **Krishnan, Abhijeet** and Chris Martens. "Towards the Automatic Synthesis of Interpretable Chess Tactics." In *Explainable Agency in Artificial Intelligence Workshop, 36th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence*. 2022.
- **Krishnan, Abhijeet**, Aaron Williams, and Chris Martens. "Towards Action Model Learning for Player Modeling." *Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Interactive Digital Entertainment*. Vol. 16. No. 1. 2020.
- **Krishnan, Abhijeet** and Chris Martens. "Rule-based Cognitive Modeling via Human-Computer Interaction." Poster presented at: *5th LAS Research Symposium*; 2019 Dec 10; Raleigh, NC.

## Academic Service and Involvement

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### Reviewing and Program Committee Membership

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| • International Conference on Foundations of Digital Games                         | 2022    |
| • AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Interactive Digital Entertainment | 2021-22 |
| • IEEE Conference on Games   | 2019-22 |
| • AAAI Experimental AI in Games, AIIDE Workshop                                    | 2020    |
| • IEEE Symposium Series on Computational Intelligence                              | 2020    |

## Projects

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### Fanorona AEC Engine [↗](#)

- Implemented a software library to train RL agents to play the board game Fanorona
- Featured as a third-party environment on the official documentation for the PettingZoo library [↗](#)

### Player Modelling using Gameplay Video Classification [↗](#)

CSC 720 Artificial Intelligence II

Raleigh, NC, USA  
Jan 2019 - Apr 2019

- Developed a player modeling technique based on gameplay video classification that achieved a **93% test accuracy**

### Procedural Terrain Generation [↗](#)

CSC 562 Introduction to Game Engines

Raleigh, NC, USA  
Aug 2018 - Dec 2018

- Developed a procedural terrain generator using Perlin noise in JavaScript and WebGL

# Skills

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**Machine Learning** Neural networks deep learning game AI reinforcement learning

offline RL transformer model

**Languages** Python C++ C Rust JavaScript Prolog

**Applications** git Linux Figma

**Libraries** TensorFlow PyTorch numpy pandas Gymnasium SvelteKit