It feels good to write a few words about A. S. Azad. I have known him for about three years as a colleague at Department of CSE, BUET.He is also an active member of our joint research group with University of Toronto.

Before joining the department as a Lecturer, Azad was also an student at this department. As BUET is a top-ranked engineering university of the country, only the meritorious students can get the opportunity to get admission into BUET through a very competitive admission test. As an example, there were 2,17,521HSC examinee this year in Science group ([source](http://www.thedailystar.net/country/hsc-exams-begin-1385101)) and among them only the top 12,000 got the chance to attend the BUET admission test. From which only the 1045 candidates were selected for admission. Among these admitted students, only the top-ranked students get the opportunity to study in department of Computer Science and Engineering. Azad was one of them and among these meritorious students and amonh them he obtained the second highest CGPA (3.95) of his batch.Azad also continued to show his academic excellence in his M.Sc, securing a perfect CGPA of 4.00 out of 4.00.

n Have you ever heard anything (good) about me before I joined the dept as a lecturer ?

Recently, Azad has started working in a research project with me. In this problem we are investigating the originality of the photos uploaded in social media. We are investigating methods to quantify the modification done to an image without the reference to the original image. We conducted several surveys to assess the necessity of such an tool and the results strongly sho that such a tool is indeed important for credible social interaction. Our initial experiemnts have shown promising results, too.

-- What more to add ??

-> Research tools,

-> Machine Learning

-> My Contributions ??

o Regarding idea

o Teamwork

As a colleague, I have worked with him in a number of projects and official responsibilities. I work as THE BIG BOSS in arranging NSyS, an annual conference organized by the Department of CSE, BUET since 2014. He did ----

n Undergrad admission

n NSyS

n Incubator

I believe, Azad, with his interest, enthusiasm, and hard work can achieve great things during his PhD. He is also a very humble, modest, and self-motivated person, who can handle difficult situations with a calm head. I hope admission committee will consider him as a strong candidate for the PhD admission and consider him for financial support so that he could pursue his PhD more smoothly. If you have any question about him, please feel free to ask.

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