

## Curriculum Vita

### RESEARCH STATEMENT

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I research **software engineering** with an emphasis on advancing **software security**. My work leverages AI solutions to automate and enhance development processes. In particular, I study the role and influence of large language models in ensuring secure software. Previously, I have also explored the human factors impacting engineering practices.

**Research Interests:** AI for Software Engineering, Software Security, Vulnerability Detection and Repair, Natural Language Processing, Large Language Models, Data analysis, Human Aspects of Software Engineering


### EDUCATION

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<b>Drexel University</b> Ph.D. in Computer Science	Pennsylvania, USA 2022–Present
<b>Azad University Karaj Branch</b> B.Sc. in Computer Engineering	Alborz, IRN 2018–2021
<b>Azad University Qazvin Branch</b> B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering	Qazvin, IRN 2016–2018

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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<b>Research Assistant</b> SOAR Lab - Drexel University 	Pennsylvania, USA 2022–Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Investigating the security of LLM-generated software patches compared to developer-written patches.</li><li>– Exploring strategies to generate test cases for commonly occurring LLM/user vulnerabilities.</li><li>– Empirically evaluated the security awareness of GPT-4, Claude 3, and Llama 3 in responding to programming questions with inherent vulnerabilities, revealing limitations and potentials. Proposed prompt engineering solutions to enhance their security-awareness.</li><li>– Conducted a systematic literature review on the use of psycholinguistic tools like LIWC in software engineering studies, highlighting their applications, limitations, and potential for advancing research on human factors.</li><li>– Conducted an empirical study on the role of interpersonal trust among open-source developers across the GitHub platform. [ICSE '2023]</li><li>– Performed a qualitative analysis on the textual communications of developers and published a publicly available dataset for sentiment analysis purposes. [ESEC/FSE '2023]</li></ul>	

### PUBLICATIONS

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- Amirali Sajadi, B. Le, A. Nguyen, K. Damevski, and P. Chatterjee, “Do LLMs Consider Security? Empirical Study on Responses to Programming Questions”, *Accepted to Empirical Software Engineering (EMSE), Springer, 2025*
- Amirali Sajadi, K. Damevski, and P. Chatterjee, “Psycholinguistic Analyses in Software Engineering Text: Systematic Literature Review”, *Under review*

- **Amirali Sajadi**, K. Damevski, and P. Chatterjee, “**Interpersonal Trust in OSS: Exploring Dimensions of Trust in GitHub Pull Requests**”, Proceedings of the 45th International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE), New Ideas and Emerging Results Track, May 2023 (Acceptance rate: 22%)
- **Amirali Sajadi**, K. Damevski, and P. Chatterjee, “**Towards Understanding Emotions in Informal Developer Interactions: A Gitter Chat Study**”, The 31st ACM Joint European Software Engineering Conference and Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering (ESEC/FSE), Ideas, Visions and Reflections Track, Dec 2023

## RESEARCH PRESENTATION

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- **Interpersonal Trust in OSS: Exploring Dimensions of Trust in GitHub Pull Requests**, 45th International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE), Paper Presentation Talk, via Zoom.
- **Towards Understanding Emotions in Informal Developer Interactions: A Gitter Chat Study**, 31st ACM Joint European Software Engineering Conference and Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering (ESEC/FSE), Paper Presentation Talk, California, USA.

## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT MENTORING

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Under the supervision and in collaboration with my advisor Dr. Preetha Chatterjee, served as graduate research mentor for three undergraduate students. Worked closely with the students to perform qualitative and quantitative analyses.

- **Vanessa Martinez**, Curated a dataset for sentiment analysis, using developer chat utterances, 2023
- **Binh Lee, Anh Nguyen**, Performed data analysis and a case study on the security of the LLM-generated content, 2024

Additionally, since 2024, I have been a Teaching Assistant, supporting students in their learning and development in computer science courses.

## SERVICE TO PROFESSION

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**ICSE Artifact Evaluation Committee**  
40th International Conference on Software Engineering

ICSE 2024

**Review Committee Member**

IEEE Software 2024

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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- **Drexel CCI Travel Award, 2022**, Department funding - covering 50% of conference travel costs for ICSE 2023
- **ACM -SIGSOFT CAPS Travel Award** ACM Special Interest Group on Software Engineering to financial support for selected researchers in attending the 31st ACM Joint European Software Engineering Conference and Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering (ESEC/FSE)
- **GSA Graduate Travel Subsidy Award, 2023**, University funding - covering 50% of conference travel costs for ESEC/FSE 2023

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP & AFFILIATION

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- **Member, Doctoral Student Association (DSA), Drexel University**  
Executive Board Member and Events Coordinator at Doctoral Student Association (DSA) Drexel University College of Computing and Informatics, 2023-2024
- **Member, Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)**, 2022-Current
- **Member, Upsilon Pi Epsilon (UPE), Drexel Chapter**, 2024-Current

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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**Languages:** Python, Java, JavaScript, Go, SQL

**Tools:** Git, Docker, PostgreSQL, MySQL, SQLite

**Libraries:** Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib, PyTorch, Keras, Flask, jQuery, Bootstrap, Android