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### EXPERIENCES

### Jul '23 – Present Associate Software Engineer, Citrix Systems

Core Networking Team, NetScaler Business Unit, Bengaluru, India

- Contributed to the two most high-visibility projects for Citrix for the year 2023-24, Citrix Secure Private Access & F5 to NetScaler Config Converter
- Developed PolicyGen AI, an LLM-based tool equipped with latest intelligent prompt optimizers (DSPy) to generate NetScaler policies from natural language prompts, and demonstrated its working
- · Made security upgrades for authentication and privacy protocols in SNMPv3 used in NetScaler, by extending support to the latest standards

### Dec '21 – Apr '23 QWorld ♂

### Research Associate, QResearch Project, QWorld

Optimizing Logistics using Quantum Algorithms, Mentor: Dr. Paweł Gora

GitHub ♂

- Contributed to a working publication focused on various hybrid quantum-classical techniques to solve combinatorial optimization problems in logistics
- Validated theoretical results of 5 solvers of the Vehicle Routing Problem (VRP) by performing experiments for 550+ VRP instances on the D-Wave quantum annealers
- Devised a new solver for VRP with higher performance compared to existing solvers
- Co-mentored several interns in designing QUBO formulations for VRP
- Presented our work on Quantum Annealing based VRP formulations at IT conferences WDI 2022 ☑ and Data Science Summit 2022 ☑

### Jan '23 – Mar '23 Quantum Computing Analyst Intern, Unisys India

Enterprise Computing Solutions Research & Innovation Team

- Made major contributions to the development of a proof of concept-based prototype in collaboration with the D-Wave team to tackle large-scale Vehicle Routing
- Evaluated the commercial feasibility of the model by achieving near optimal solutions for datasets with over 1000 nodes in under 5 mins of runtime

### May '22 – Jul '22 Software Engineer Intern, Citrix Systems

DevOps and Automation Services Team, Bengaluru, India

- o Developed a robust monitoring system for detecting issues related to Grafeas ♂, a software auditing service critical for multiple internal applications at Citrix
- Implemented a Golang microservice with safeguarded endpoints against DDoS attacks and deployed it with Kubernetes using Helm Charts to private cloud
- Built a periodically triggered CI/CD pipeline using Jenkins and incorporated it with a metadata capturing component handled using Grafeas
- Facilitated active monitoring of the Grafeas API by creating a dashboard and an alert system on Slack based on reports collected from the pipeline logs using Splunk

# ACHIEVEMENTS & HONOURS

### Professional Achievements

### 2024 Citrix Systems

Among top 20% employees to be awarded rating - 1 as a recognition of valuable contributions by employees throughout the year

### Programming Achievements

# 2022 HAQS, qBraid ♂

Won the qBraid Open Challenge and among the top 3 contenders in the QML Challenge

### 2022 Quantum Excellence, Qiskit Global Summer School 2022, IBM

Among 1200 worldwide to complete the 2 week long Qiskit Global Summer School program with Badge ♂ intensive hands-on labs focused on quantum simulations using NISQ hardware

### 2021, 22 IBM Quantum Challenges

Among 1000 worldwide to complete challenges of fall 2021 and spring 2022 by solving problems in Badges ♂ areas of finance, fermionic chemistry, machine learning and optimization

### 2020, 2021 Google Kickstart

Globally ranked 846 in Round E 2022, 1055 in Round D 2021, and 976 in Round H 2020

### 2020, 2021 Facebook Hacker Cup

Globally ranked 1967 in Round-1 2021 and 2769 in Round-1 2020

### Scholastic Achievements

- 2019 All India Rank 3592 in JEE-Advanced out of 220,000+ shortlisted candidates
- 2019 All India Rank 7480 in JEE-Main out of 0.9 million+ candidates
- 2019 National Top 300 to be selected for Indian National Chemistry Olympiad, HBCSE
- 2017 All India Rank 322 in KVPY out of 50,000+ candidates and awarded KVPY Fellowship by Govt. of India, and IISc Bangalore

### PRESENTATIONS

- Nov '22 A. Mandoi, "Quantum Annealing methods for solving the Vehicle Routing Problem." Talk presented at Data Science Summit 2022 ♂, Warsaw, Poland.
- Apr '22 S. Borah, A. Mandoi, A. Verma, "Heuristic QUBO Formulations for solving the Vehicle Routing Problem using Quantum Annealing." Talk presented at the 13th WDI '22 ♂, Warsaw, Poland.

# SELECTED PROJECTS

### Dec '22 – Jul '23 Hopfield Neural Networks for Combinatorial Optimization

Advisor: Prof. Shubham Sahay

- Studied the properties of annealing-inspired computing accelerators based on nonvolatile memory technology for combinatorial optimization with near-optimal accuracy and performance
- Achieved near-optimal solutions to 800+ node optimization problems by implementing Hopfield Neural Networks and applying various stochastic and weight annealing techniques

### Oct '21 – Jan '22 Quantum Open Source Foundation

QOSF @ Quantum Computing Mentorship Program, Mentor: Dr. Vesselin G. Gueorguiev

o Among 40 out of 1000+ global applicants to be selected for the program and recognized for developing one of the best solutions to a Quantum Search problem

• Implemented new solvers for the Travelling Salesman Problem (TSP) and the Vehicle Routing Problem (VRP) based on clustering and non-clustering techniques

- Improved performance of existing quantum annealing-based solvers for TSP and VRP by optimizing our algorithms to use minimal number of qubits
- Benchmarked accuracies and running times of solvers by testing them on D-Wave Quantum Annealers

### *May* '21 – *Jul* '21 **IITK-Coin**

*Project* ♂

GitHub & Backend of a pseudo-currency system | Programming Club, IIT Kanpur

- Developed a microservices-based pseudo-currency application using Golang and SQLite
- Reinforced backend security by employing Bcrypt algorithm to hash & salt passwords
- Built an additional layer of protection by incorporating endpoints with user authorization using JSON Web Tokens and implementing an OTP-based confirmation system for transactions
- Facilitated transaction tracking for admins by logging all activity into the database
- Increased server efficiency by allowing up to 300 concurrent transactions per second by utilizing Redis for caching and enabling WAL journal mode in SQLite

### EDUCATION

### 2019 – 2023 Bachelor of Technology in Electrical Engineering, CPI: 7.5/10.0

Minor in Quantum Physics

Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, India

2019 Grade XII (CBSE Board), Cumulative Percentage: 93.8% MBS Public School, Bhubaneswar, India

2017 **Grade X (CBSE Board)**, *CGPA: 10.0/10.0* DAV Public School, Bhubaneswar, India

### TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages C, C++, Python, Go, MATLAB, JavaScript

Web Node.js, HTML, CSS, PHP, MySQL, SQLite, Redis

Frameworks/SDKs QuTiP, TensorFlow, Qiskit, Ocean, DSPy (prompt optimizer for AI models)

Utilities/Tools Git, Docker, Kubernetes, Jenkins, Splunk, LTFX, Linux shell utilities

### RELEVANT COURSEWORK

Quantum Computing, Data Structures and Algorithms, Fundamentals of Computing, Computer Networks, Introduction to Machine Learning, Probability and Statistics