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ABOUT ME

Skilled researcher with 4+ years of diverse experience in Industrial IoT, Telecommunications, & Computer Science, complemented by another 2+ years as a strategic planning in a professional environment. Possesses a strong background in OT security, LTE Physical Layer Security, Big Data Processing Platforms, Cloud & Software Development Lifecycle.

EDUCATION

Universität des Saarlandes

Master of Science in Computer Science: Specialization in Cybersecurity - Sem 5 (Major Affiliations of University: CISPA (Hemholtz), MPI-INF, MPI-SWS, DFKI)

Saarbrücken, Germany Oct 2021-ongoing

Veermata Jijabai Technological Institute (VJTI)

Bachelor of Technology in Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering (Institute Ranked 71st by NIRF, Govt. of India, 2020)

Mumbai, India Jul 2015 - Jun 2019

Position of Responsibility:

- o Mentor at VJTI IEEE Council 2017-2018, VJTI, Mumbai
- o Event Manager (Chess) at Enthusia 2016-2017, National Level Sports Festival, VJTI, Mumbai

PACE Science Junior College(HSC) - Intermediate

Maharashtra State Board of Higher and Secondary Education — Percentage: 91.54%

Mumbai, India Passing: 2015

Balmohan Vidyamandir(SSC) - Matriculation Maharashtra State Board of Higher and Secondary Education — Percentage: 91.27% Mumbai, India Passing: 2013

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS

• Hackathons:

- Winner(1st) amongst 200+ Teams in Global WRC Blockchain Hackathon by World Bank Group, 2019
- o **2nd Runner Up** amongst 300+ Teams in Siemens MakeIT Real Hackathon, 2018
- o 5th Appreciation Prize of 200 Teams in 3rd Mitsubishi Electric Cup, National Level Automation Competition, 2018 🗹

• Sports Activities:

- o International FIDE Rated Chess Player with Rating: 1713 . Wen prizes in more than 100+ Tournaments
- Achieved San QUE, Brown 3rd Belt through GO-JO-RYU of KARATE, from Fudoshin Martial Arts School, Mumbai.

Academic:

- o Passed 日本語 NAT-5Q exam with first class grade, 2020 Completed JLPT N3 Training, 2021
- Secured 98.50 percentile in Joint Entrance Examination Mains (B.Tech) '15 out of 1.4 million candidates conducted by CBSE under Ministry of Education
- o Qualified for Award for Scholarship for Higher Education (SHE) under Innovation in science pursuit for Inspired Research
- o Awarded Special Prize in Maharashtra Talent Search Examination by Center for Talent Search and Excellence, 2011.
- o Awarded Certificate of Merit in Dr. Homi Bhabha Bal Vaidnyanik Competition conducted by Mumbai Teachers' Association held in 2009 & 2011.
- o Awarded Grade A in Elementary (2009) & Intermediate (2010) Grade Drawing Examination by Government of Maharashtra.
- o Silver Medalist in Maths Pradnya Examination conducted by Maharashtra Ganit Adhyapak Mandal held in 2007 & 2010.
- o Amongst top 10 ranking in Maharashtra State Scholarship conducted by Maharashtra State Board Pune held in 2007 & 2010

Wireless Security Group

CISPA, Saarbrücken

Master Thesis Student - Chair of Dr. Mridula Singh

Jul 2023 - ongoing

Key Projects:

Privacy leakage in LTE:

Dec 2023 - ongoing

* To identify linkability in data obtained by sniffing LTE signals and to reveal privacy vulnerabilities in the mobile network.

Study of timing manipulation attacks in cellular networks:

Jul 2023 - ongoing

- * To understand the vulnerabilities that come with time & frequency-based synchronization in cellular networks and appreciate the implications of exploiting these vulnerabilities.
- * TechStack: USRP B210, USRP X310, srsRAN, Open5GS, LTESniffer

Wireless Communication & Navigation(WiCoN) Team

RPTU. Kaiserslautern Feb 2023 - ongoing

Research Assistant - Chair of Prof. Dr.-Ing. Hans D. Schotten

Key Projects:

• 6G-ANNA(Access, Network of Networks, Automation & Simplification) .

Feb 2023 - ongoing

- * Project concept: To develop a holistic design for the sixth generation of mobile communications that includes a closed end-to-end architecture, network inter-connectivity with focus on security and resilience.
- * My tasks in present phase typically include designing authentication and encryption mechanisms on physical layer to minimize the current overhead and offer superior alternatives to existing 5G schemes.

Smart Service Engineering Team

DFKI & UdS, Saarbrücken

May 2022 - Dec 2022

Research Assistant - Chair of Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Maaß 🗹 **Key Projects:**

∘ INTE:GRATE 🗷:

May 2022 - Dec 2022

- * Project concept: Researching the mobility data space in Saarland in order to realise the intelligent and sustainable concept of MaaS for the region.
- * My tasks for the work package typically included literature review for the system architecture, problem identification and business models, finding use-cases for analysis of mobility data.

Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Complex Nonlinear Dynamical Systems(CNDS)

VJTI, Mumbai

Research Assistant under Guide: Prof. Dr. Faruk Kazi

Apr 2017 - Jun 2019

Key Projects:

Blockchain based monitoring system for enforcing wastewater reuse :

Jan 2019 - Jun 2019

- * Designed and developed a token based system that incentivizes the amount of wastewater reused by industries.
- * Used Hyperledger Fabrics & Composer blockchain framework to store the data securely.
- * TechStack: Python Flask (WSGI), scikit-learn; Hyperledger Fabric, VueJS Web Framework

• Blockchain in Smart Grid Infrastructure (Undergraduate Thesis Project):

Jul 2018 - Jan 2019

- * Utilized the immutable ledger in blockchain technology for preventing tampering of data in Load Dispatch Centres.
- * Developed a custom voting based consensus algorithm utilizing smart contracts to take correct decision in presence of malicious user in energy efficient systems in a decentralized fashion.
- * TechStack: Ethereum, Docker, Apache Kafka, Javascript

• Ladder Logic Malware Detection using Vulnerability Scanning:

Dec 2017 - Mar 2018

- * Analyzed Mitsubishi's MELSEC Communication protocol using Deep Packet Inspection (DPI), identifying vulnerabilities like MITM in the HMI-PLC(Programmable Logic Controller) communication channel.
- * Created an NodeJS based Intrusion Detection System which monitors the network in realtime, generates alerts and displays the statistical data. Also, developed fuzzer using ladder logic programming.
- * TechStack: Python(Scapy), Ladder Logic Programming, NodeJS, HTML, CSS, BootStrap

• Securing IIoT infrastructure for resilient energy network:

Jul 2017 - Nov 2017

- * Analysed Industrial Network Protocols/SCADA Protocols like Modbus, DNP3, Profinet, IEEE C37.118, etc.
- * Developed custom Python scripts to perform Man-in-the-Middle attacks, injecting false data, and implemented End-to-End encryption between Phasor Measurement Unit (PMU) and Phasor Data Concentrator (PDC) to mitigate vulnerabilities.
- * TechStack: Python(Scapy, Socket Programming)

• Anomaly Detection using Artificial Immune System:

Apr 2017 - Jun 2017

* Created a Artificial Immune model which can be further implemented for securing cyber-physical system.

Rakuten Mobile Inc (楽天モバイル株式会社) - (RCP Orchestration Team)

Tokyo, Japan Oct 2019 - Oct 2021

Strategic Planning

Oct 2019 - Oct 2

Designing and developing cloud-native applications to support production-grade systems, testing the integrity of the application, carrying out rigorous performance tests to assess the performance metrics and scalability of the application.

Key Projects:

- Correlation & Policy Engine (E2EO):
- Dev Lead & NEDO Researcher, Jun 2020 Oct 2021
- * Explored, implemented, bench-marked various data processing systems like Apache Spark, Kafka Streams, PNDA, etc.
- * Designed and developed **fully cloud-native data stream processing solution from scratch** featuring complex event processing(CEP) and multi hierarchical close-loop feedback correlation which competes with existing bigdata CEP engines like Apache Flink and Siddhi.io.
- * Designed and developed a custom data structure that supports permutation as well as ordered pattern matching with data aggregation for flat, topology-based, cross-domain, and multi-layered correlation.
- * Utilized event bus system for data partitioning, in-memory database with fast caching along with efficient python, rust(WASM) libraries that compete with C, C++ to create a fault-tolerant, stateless and horizontally scalable system which enables **5k events/sec/core** with preliminary scale tests going to **110,000 events/sec**.
- * Designed and latched policy templates onto FastApi ASGI based Policy Manager which stores policies that are utilized by various micro-services comprising of data collection, data analysis, decision & execution entities in the processing system.
- * This solution along with hierarchical life-cycle manager enables close loop automation for various cloud-native 5G components to envision **full autonomous network** which can be further extended to non-telecom use cases.
- * This production ready system was being utilized for 5G Network Slicing and Service Management for 5G vRan healing, scaling & close loop use-cases under NEDO Research Project, Japan.
- * $\mathbf{TechStack:}$ Python FastAPI(ASGI), orjson; Tech Apache Kafka, Kubernetes, Redis, MongoDB
- Bare Metal as a Service (BMaaS):

Software Engineer, Apr 2020 - Jun 2020

- * Developed python and shell scripts for managing bare metal servers which involves provisioning, configuration, and life cycle management of hardware and software components on the server.
- * Scripts involved automation of rule-based bare metal server detection, checking required hardware specifications before installing an operating system(OS), Kubernetes cluster, OS hardening.
- * TechStack: Python Redfish, Shell scripting, Cloud Platform Kubernetes
- Configuration Management as a Service(CMaaS) for 4G:

Software Engineer, Feb 2020 - Apr 2020

- * Developed python scripts which fetch and correlate between the old configuration data from backed-up zadara object storage and the latest configuration data of the 4G network elements like HSS, HLR, MME, etc.
- * Differences between the configuration data were stored in database and notified to the user via email and user interface. This process was automated using time based scheduler in workflow engine.
- * TechStack: Airflow, Zadara, Python scripts
- Internal Virtual Network Function Manager (IVNFM):

Software Developer, Oct 2019 - Mar 2020

- * Integral part of core dev team in developing IVNFM for 4G virtualized Radio Access Network(vRAN) that helped the company cutting down the cost of purchasing software from other companies.
- * Reduced deployment time for 4G vRAN applications from days to approximately 5 minutes by developing scripts for Workflow Engine (WFE) to execute lifecycle operations on NF & NS within Openstack VM Clusters.
- * Configured and deployed Keycloak as an Identity and Access Management (IAM) solution to fortify IVNFM & provided essential support for testing and production deployment across all IVNFM components (LCM, WFE, Databases, Security).
- * $\mathbf{TechStack:}$ Python $\mathbf{Airflow}(\mathbf{WFE}),\ \mathbf{Flask}(\mathbf{WSGI});\ \mathbf{Cloud}\ \mathbf{Platform}$ $\mathbf{Openstack}$

Internships

• Summer Trainee, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PWC), Mumbai, India

May 2018 - Jul 2018

- $\star \ \, \text{Developed Retail Experience Android App for customer having features like quick registration, one tap login, easy checkout.}$
- * Developed ticketing tool system that features CRUD operations, status tracking, customized tags.
- * TechStack: ASP.NET, Rest API, Xamarin, .Net Framework
- Winter Intern, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, Mumbai, India

Dec 2017 - Jan 2018

★ Conducted risk assessment, vulnerability discovery, and explored Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) systems for BPCL systems and applications.

KEY COURSES UNDERTAKEN

Graduate Coursework:

• Security, System Security, Data Networks, Security Testing, Cryptography, Web Security, Digital Currencies & Smart Contracts, IT Forensics, Physical Layer Security, Distributed Systems, Clock Synchronization, Machine Learning Security, Automated Debugging

Undergraduate Coursework:

• Computer Programming, Data Structures, Telecom Network Management, Numerical Techniques, Statistical Theory, Digital Signal Processing, Wireless Sensor Networks, Pattern Recognition, Mobile Communication, Satellite Communication, Embedded Systems

MOOC Courses:

• 5G Specialization , Hardware Security , Cloud Platform Fundamentals , Penetration Testing & Ethical Hacking , Machine Learning , Microsoft Certified: Azure Fundamentals , Front End Development , Blockchain Specialization

Innovations

Patents:

Granted

 MN Dixit, SS Lamba, A Sharma, "Static and dynamic non-deterministic finite automata tree structure application apparatus and method" - United States Patent Grant No. 11563625, issued on 24th Jan, 2023

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- J Bose, MN Dixit, SS Lamba, A Sharma, "Policy driven event transformation" United States Patent pending under Application #17574552, Publication No. 20230222099, 13th July, 2023
- J Bose, MN Dixit, SS Lamba, A Sharma, "Pluggable Data Adaptor" United States Patent pending under Application #17644592, Publication No. 20230195673, 22nd June, 2023
- J Bose, MN Dixit, SS Lamba, A Sharma, "Event-driven enhancement of event messages" United States Patent pending under Application #17644590, Publication No. 20230196257, 22nd June, 2023
- J Bose, MN Dixit, SS Lamba, A Sharma, "API server for correlation engine and policy manager, method and computer program product" United States Patent pending under Application #17644600, Publication No. 20230195543, 22nd June, 2023
- R Atri, K Takeuchi, M Luthra, P Devadiga, S Kita, MN Dixit, SS Lamba, A Sharma, "Data Storage System With Power Consumption Efficiency and Methods of Operating the Same" United States Patent pending under Application #17455921, Publication No. 20230161398, 25th May, 2023
- MN Dixit, SS Lamba, A Sharma, "Logic-gate based non-deterministic finite automata tree structure application apparatus and method" - United States Patent pending under Application #17511558, Publication No. 20230104304, 06th Apr., 2023
- SS Lamba, MN Dixit, A Sharma, B Rathinam, R Atri, "Non-deterministic finite automata tree structure application apparatus and method" United States Patent pending under Application #17505635, Publication No. 20230059360, 23nd Feb, 2023
- SS Lamba, MN Dixit, A Sharma, B Rathinam, R Atri, "Multi-layered correlation policy management apparatus and method" -United States Patent pending under Application #17505631, Publication No. 20230022787, 26th Jan, 2023

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- S. Iyer, S. Thakur, Mihirraj Dixit, A. Agrawal, R. Katkam and F. Kazi, "Blockchain based Distributed Consensus for Byzantine Fault Tolerance in PMU Network," 2019 10th International Conference on Computing, Communication and Networking Technologies (ICCCNT), Kanpur, India, 2019, pp. 1-7, doi: 10.1109/ICCCNT45670.2019.8944881.
- Keni N., Suradkar N., Dixit M, Siddavatam I.A., Kazi F. (2019) A Computational Intelligence Approach for Cancer Detection
 Using Artificial Immune System. In: Verma N., Ghosh A. (eds) Computational Intelligence: Theories, Applications and Future
 Directions Vol I. Advances in Intelligent Systems & Computing, vol 798. Springer, Singapore, doi: 10.1007/978-981-13-1132-1_36

LANGUAGES

English(Native, C2) • Marathi(Native) • Hindi(Native) • Japanese (N4) • German(A1.1) • Sanskrit(Native, A2)