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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science, Software Engineering	Aug 2017 - Sep 2021
<i>Islamia College Peshawar(ICP) icp.edu.pk, Pakistan</i>	CGPA 3.24/4.0
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Undergraduate research student supervised by Dr. Muhammad Sajjad and Dr. Jamil AhmadThesis: "Visual explanation of deep learning-based breast cancer classification via gradient localization"Major Courses: Object-Oriented Programming (OOP), Data Structure and Algorithms, Software Architecture, Artificial Intelligence	

RESEARCH INTERSTS

<ul style="list-style-type: none">Integrating robotics with metaverse platforms for telepresence, enabling remote control and interaction in virtual and augmented reality environmentsDeveloping deep learning-based frameworks for human activity recognition to enhance robot perception and interaction in indoor environmentsEnhancing medical imaging with computer vision for diagnostics, detection, segmentation, automated analysis, disease tracking, and precision-guided interventions

PUBLICATIONS

*Indicates joint first authors, + indicates my role as co-author	
1. Action Knowledge Graph for Violence Detection Using Audiovisual Features (Paper)	2024
<i>M. Khan, M. Saad*, Abbas Khan, Wail Gueaieb; Abdulmotaleb El Saddik; Giulia De Masi; Fakhri Karray</i>	
2. Combating Counterfeit Products in Smart Cities with Digital Twin Technology (Paper)	2023
<i>M. Saad*, M. Khan, M. Saeed, A. E. Saddik and W. Gueaieb</i>	
3. Gaming-Based Education System for Children on Road Safety in Metaverse Towards Smart Cities (Paper)	2023
<i>M. Saeed, A. Khan, M. Khan, M. Saad*, A. El Saddik and W. Gueaieb</i>	
4. BreastUS: Vision Transformer for Breast Cancer Classification Using Breast Ultrasound Images (Github) (Paper)	2022
<i>M. Saad*, M. Ullah, H. Afridi, F. A. Cheikh and M. Sajjad</i>	
Co-Authored Submissions (Under Review):	
5. All Languages Matter: Evaluating LMMs on Culturally Diverse 100 Languages, submitted to CVPR	2025
6. CP-Diffusion: Conditional Prompt-Based Diffusion Models for Video Generation, submitted to CVPR	2025

EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant
<i>Metaverse Center, Mohamed Bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence, Abu Dhabi, UAE</i>
<i>Research topics:</i> Digital twin, Metaverse, Violence detection, LLMs for Interactive Avatars
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Worked on real-time violence detection on Jetson Nano at the Technology Innovation Institute (TII)Interactive avatar animation with Mixamo and real-time lip-syncing using JavaScript and TypeScript (Github)Created a visual avatar assistant powered by a fine-tuned LLaMA 3 model, customized with haptics and multimedia data to enhance educational experiences and interactive multimedia books (Github)Build a custom virtual learning platform named ZapAura, built on Mozilla Hubs, featuring full-body avatars, real-time lip-syncing, and an AI teaching assistant powered by ChatGPT for multilingual interactions
Undergraduate Research Assistant
<i>Digital Image Processing (DIP) Lab in collaboration with NTNU Norway and IMLAB South Korea, ICP, Peshawar, Pakistan</i>
<i>Research topics:</i> Facial emotion recognition (FER), Activity recognition, Medical imaging
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Contributed to NTNU's implementation of the Facial Emotion Recognition Module assigned by the ALAMEDA AI Toolkit to analyze facial expressions for pain assessment and emotional state monitoring in neurological healthcareAttention-based CNN-LSTM, CNN-GRU, and Video Vision Transformer (ViViT) Models for Complex Activity Recognition in Cricket (Github)Teaching assistant for Python programming course

PROJECTS

COVID-19 Progression Visualization

2021

- Applied pre-trained CNNs models and proposed lightweight CNN for COVID-19 X-ray classification
- Used Grad-CAM to visualize disease progression on X-rays over time, enabling model interpretability
- Gained insights into CNN performance and critical regions in medical imaging

Sequential Models for Video Analysis

2022

- Extracted video features using CNNs, applied LSTM, GRU, and attention-based models for temporal analysis
- Enhanced temporal analysis with LSTM-Attention and GRU-Attention
- Explored Vision Transformers for video analysis, assessing their effectiveness compared to traditional CNN-sequential model pipelines. ([Github](#))

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming: Python, MATLAB, C++, SQL, JavaScript. (HTML/CSS)

Technologies: Keras, Tensorflow, Pytorch, Scikit-learn, NodeJS, React, A-Frame, ThreeJS,

Tools: PyCharm, VS code, Git, Blender, AWS (Amazon Web Services), Digital Ocean, Docker, Latex

HONOURS AND AWARDS

- Awarded the University of Ottawa Graduate Studies Scholarship for September 2025
- Award of appreciation for securing 1st position in Youth Talent Expo
- Awarded a data science certificate by the government of Pakistan (NAV TTC)
- High achiever award from Islami Jamiat Talaba (IJT) president for organizing the best cricket tournament

ACADEMIC SERVICES

- Attended a virtual Omniverse meeting on its academic and research applications
- Attended a virtual talk on the metaverse, gaining valuable insights and understanding of its applications
- Mentor and project evaluator for new batch of DIP Lab, guiding and assessing final-year students' projects

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Captain of Islamia College Peshawar cricket team for tennis ball tournaments
- Organized and led tennis ball cricket tournaments as Sports President of the Islami Jamiat Talaba (IJT) student federation

HOBBIES

- **Academic:** Reading and writing articles
- **Sports:** Playing and watching cricket

REFERENCES

• Prof. Abdulmotaleb El Saddik

University Research Chair and Professor in the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at the University of Ottawa, Canada

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