# **Lalit Agarwal**

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Interests Usable Privacy and Security, Information security, Human-Computer Interaction

Education Master of Mathematics, Computer Science

Sept '14 – Present

Jul '09 - May '13 CGPA: 8.55/10

University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Canada

Bachelor of Technology, Information and Communication Technology

Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of Information and Communication

Technology, Gandhinagar, India

Work Experience **Research Associate, TIFAC, India**Sep '13 - July '14

Conducted a research study to analyze security threats of popular instant messaging services. Also worked on ensuring network security in the organization using

intrusion detection systems to prevent any unauthorized access.

Research Experience Developing a selective ad-blocking tool

Mentor: Dr. Saurabh Panjwani, Bell Labs Research, India

Winter '13

Conducted a research study to address the concerns of Indian web users towards the content of on-line advertisements. The user perception of online ads was investigated through a user study which was then followed by developing a selective ad-blocking browser plugin.

Analysis of a password-recovery attack against APOP

Mentor: Prof. Anish Mathuria, DA-IICT, India

Summer '12

Understood and analyzed a password recovery attack against Authenticated Post office protocol (APOP). The research involved investigating the working of MD-5, the Wang's attack and the conditions needed for such an attack to occur.

MILLEE (Mobile and Immersive Learning for literacy in Emerging Economies)

Mentor: Prof. Matthew Kam, CMU, USA

May '10 – Dec '10

My role in the team was to play-test the language learning mobile games being developed. It involved conducting alpha and beta tests on these games to find out any potential bugs, design flaw and submitting formal reports so that they could be fixed.

Teaching Experience Teaching Assistant, University of Waterloo, Canada

Experience Course: CS135- Designing Functional Programs

Fall '14

Teaching Assistant, DA-IICT, India

Course: IT205- Data Structures and Algorithms

Fall '12

Selected Projects **Ad-Filter Firefox Plugin** 

Advisor: Dr. Saurabh Panjwani, Bell Labs Research, India

Winter '13 *Team Size: 1* 

Developed a modified version of the popular Ad-block plus plugin which blocks only embarrassing and sensitive on-line advertisements in contrast to blocking all on-line ads.

Ad-Extraction tool Winter '13

Advisor: Dr. Saurabh Panjwani, Bell Labs Research, India

Team Size: 1

Developed a tool to identify the content of advertisements present in a given list of webpages. The tool extracts information of both image and textual ads from a given list of webpages.

### **NGO Information Management Suite**

Advisor: Prof. Asim Banerjee, DA-IICT, India

Developed a web based information management system for an NGO for cataloguing their work, evaluating the NGO's performance and creating social maps of the population in which the NGO operates. I was responsible for developing the server side interface which involved coding in PHP and JavaScript.

#### Model for information and knowledge sharing in a network

Analyzing a localization algorithm for wireless sensor networks

Winter '12 Team Size: 1

Winter '12

Team Size: 9

Advisor: Prof Sanjay Srivastava, DA-IICT, India

Proposed a network model which would facilitate sharing of relevant information across communities to appropriate users in a cost-effective manner. The model facilitated socialization among like-minded individuals across a network.

Winter '11 *Team Size: 2* 

P2P File transfer system

Advisor: Prof. Sanjay Chaudhary, DA-IICT, India

Implemented a client-server system which allowed file sharing between clients in a network. The project was implement in C and the concepts of socket programming and shared memory were used.

## Winter '12

Advisor: Prof Sanjay Srivastava, DA-IICT, India

Team Size: 1

Understood and analyzed a novel localization algorithm called APIT (Approximate Point-in-Triangulation Test). A thorough analysis of the algorithm including understanding the limitations, simulation of the algorithm in Matlab was done.

#### **Publications**

**Do Not Embarrass: Re-Examining User Concerns for Online Tracking and Advertising**, ACM Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security (SOUPS), 2013

Lalit Agarwal, Nisheeth Shrivastava, Sharad Jaiswal, Saurabh Panjwani, Bell Labs Research, Bangalore, India

Relevant Coursework Data Structures, Operating System, Introduction to Algorithms, Introduction to Cryptography, Sensor Network Systems, Introduction to Graph theory, System and Network Security, Security Protocols, Network Protocols, Digital Signal Processing, Computer Networks, System Software, Software Engineering, Introduction to Artificial Intelligence.

Past

Treasurer, Electronic Hobby Centre, DA-IICT

Activities Resource Manager, Electronic Hobby Centre, DA-IICT

Coordinator, Youth Run, Synapse'11, Techno-Cultural festival, DA-IICT

Awards and Achievements

Mathematics Graduate Experience Award, University of Waterloo, Fall '14

Successfully completed Stanford University's course "Introduction to Cryptography" on Coursera.

Ranked among the top 1% students all over India (total 1,000,000 students) in AIEEE-2009 and

IIT-JEE-2009.

Technical

Languages: C, C++, Java, PHP, JavaScript

Skills

Tools: Matlab, ns2, Selenium webdriver, HTML Labview, PostgreSQL, MySQL

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