# ABHISHEK PAUDEL

Computer engineering graduate with research interests and skills in AI, machine learning and data science

### Education

Nov 2013 Sept 2017

### **Bachelor's Degree in Computer Engineering**

Tribhuvan University, Institute of Engineering, Pulchowk Campus



### Professional Experience

Feb 2018 present

## **Nepal Participatory Action Network**

Technical Lead

Leading the development and piloting of the first of its kind SMS based information dissemination and monitoring system for Government of Nepal to enhance its existing management information system used for social security allowance program. This new SMS based system would automatically acquire information about social security allowance from concerned authorities in each local level, send this information to registered beneficiaries and also make it available on public website. Furthermore, it would also interactively survey the beneficiaries through SMS to inquire about effectiveness of the program.

Jan 2017 Nov 2017

### **Equal Access Nepal**

Technical Consultant

Provided technical support to UNICEF Nepal CO in development and deployment U-report platform as a part of Shout Out For Health program initiated by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. U-report is a free, SMS-based system that allows young people to speak out on what is happening in communities across their country using their mobile phones, and work together with other community leaders and policy makers for positive change. These voices and opinions of young people are visualized in real-time on public website.

Jan 2015 Nov 2015

### United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Nepal Country Office

**Technical Consultant** Q Lalitour Nepal

Developed and deployed various SMS based applications along with real-time/off-line analytics for tasks like communication with teachers in remote districts, location tracking of UNICEF field staffs for security purposes and information dissemination & monitoring of UNICEF supported cash transfer program. These applications proved to be highly valuable and useful during the post-earthquake period and benefited more than half a million people in earthquake affected districts of Nepal directly or indirectly.



## Teaching Experience

Dec 2018 present

## **MPercept Academy**

Course Instructor Q Lalitnur Nenal

Teaching introductory course on artificial intelligence and machine learning along with designing and evaluating



#### **Publications**

A. Paudel, B. R. Bajracharya, M. Ghimire, N. Bhattarai and D. S. Baral, "Using Personality Traits Information from Social Media for Music Recommendation," 2018 IEEE 3rd International Conference on Computing, Communication and Security (ICCCS), 2018, pp. 116-121. DOI: 10.1109/CCCS.2018.8586831



## Projects

2048 AI 2018

An AI that solves 2048 puzzle game using minimax and alpha-beta pruning

2017

Musick

A recommendation system that recommends music based on personality of a person determined from social media

2017

SlideCast

A tool that allows live broadcasting of presentations to computers and smart phones in a network

2016

Chatbot

Minor project on Python that generates responses to questions based on Markov model and pattern matching

2016

2016

Secure Emigration

A web-based platform developed on Django that allows rating and reviewing of manpower companies

# Additional Experience

Al Fellow Fusemachines 2018

Kathmandu Nepal

Facilitator, Al for Social Good Workshop, Kathmandu Mini Maker Faire 2017 Software Coordinator, LOCUS National Technological Festival

 Kathmandu, Nepal 

Event Coordinator, Hult Prize @ Tribhuvan University

2017

**♀** Lalitpur, Nepal

Participant, Asia-Pacific HLM3 Youth Innovation Challenge Workshop

Yuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Delegate, Slush 2015 2015

Q Helsinki Finland

2015 Speaker, Global Innovations for Children and Youth Summit ♥ Helsinki, Finland

2015

♥ Maasai Mara, Kenya

Volunteer. Me to We Youth Volunteer Trip

Ohulikhel, Nepal

2015 Mentor, Assistive Appathon by UNICEF, Google and MIC Nepal Mentor, Wearables Appathon by UNICEF and MIC Nepal 2015

♥ Dhulikhel, Nepal

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### Skills

Languages

Nepali, English, Hindi

Programming Languages Proficient in Python, C++, C Familiar with JavaScript, PHP, MATLAB, Assembly

Libraries & Frameworks TensorFlow, Keras, scikit-learn, NumPy, pandas, matplotlib

Web & Databases HTML, CSS, Django, Nginx, MySQL, MongoDB

Tools & Utilities Git, LaTeX, Robot Operating System, Microsoft Azure

### Certifications

Deep Learning Specialization (deeplearning.ai, Coursera)

- Neural Networks and Deep Learning
- Improving Deep Neural Networks
- Structuring Machine Learning Projects
- Convolutional Neural Networks
- Sequence Models

Artificial Intelligence MicroMasters® (Columbia University, edX)

- Artificial Intelligence
- Machine Learning
- Robotics
- Animation and CGI (ongoing)

### Awards & Achievements

Fusemachines Artificial Intelligence Fellowship

First Nepal Al Winter School Scholarship Coursera Deep Learning Financial Aid Winner, LOCUS Hack-A-Week Microsoft YouthSpark Challenge for Change Award Microsoft Student Partner 2nd Runner Up. ChildApp Appathon

Winner, SongsNepal Acoustic Festival