# ABHISHEK PAUDEL

Pursuing PhD in Computer Science with research interests in machine learning

# Education

Aug 2019 May 2024 Nov 2013 Sept 2017

## **PhD in Computer Science**

George Mason University

♥ Fairfax, Virginia, USA

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

Tribhuvan University, Institute of Engineering, Pulchowk Campus



Aug 2019 present

#### **George Mason University**

**Graduate Teaching Assistant** 

♥ Fairfax, Virginia, USA

Affiliated with Computer Science Department in Volgenau School of Engineering.

Jul 2019 Aug 2019

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

Technical Consultant

Kathmandu, Nepal

Drafted technological and programmatic strategy for youth engagement in policy process using mobile phone technologies

Jan 2019 Jun 2019

#### **MPercept Academy**

Course Instructor

Taught introductory course on artificial intelligence and machine learning along with designing and evaluating assignments and projects.

Feb 2018 Oct 2018

#### **Nepal Participatory Action Network**

**Technical Consultant** 

Kathmandu, Nepal

Lead 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 system used for social security allowance program.

Jan 2017 Nov 2017

#### **Equal Access Nepal**

**Technical Consultant** 

Q Lalitpur, Nepal

Provided technical support to UNICEF Nepal in development and deployment U-report platform which is an SMSbased system that allows young people to speak out on what is happening in communities across their country using their mobile phones.

Jan 2015 Nov 2015

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

**Technical Consultant** 

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 and monitoring of UNICEF supported cash transfer program.



## 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

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

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2016

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

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## Additional Experience

Al Fellow. Fusemachines 2018 Facilitator, Al for Social Good Workshop, Kathmandu Mini Maker Faire 2018

Software Coordinator, LOCUS National Technological Festival 2017

Event Coordinator, Hult Prize @ Tribhuvan University

Participant, Asia-Pacific HLM3 Youth Innovation Challenge Workshop

Speaker, Global Innovations for Children and Youth Summit 2015

2015 Volunteer, Me to We Youth Volunteer Trip Kathmandu, Nepal

♥ Kathmandu, Nepal

**♀** Lalitpur, Nepal

♥ Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

♥ Helsinki, Finland

♥ Maasai Mara, Kenya

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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

Columbia University Al Courses, edX

- CSMM.101x: Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- · CSMM.102x: Machine Learning
- CSMM 103x Robotics

## 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