## Achyudh Ram

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Research Interests Software Analytics, Information Retrieval Machine Learning, Artificial Neural Networks

**EDUCATION** 

Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani

B.E. (Hons.), Computer Science, Expected: August 2018

- GPA: 9.65/10.0 and Major GPA: 9.73/10.0
- Top 1% of the university's students by GPA
- Thesis: Assessing the reviewability and automating the evaluation of GitHub Pull Requests
- Advisor: Prof. Alberto Bacchelli, TU Delft

M.Sc. (Hons.), Economics, Expected: August 2018

• Major GPA: 10.0/10.0

Teaching EXPERIENCE Teaching Assistant - Neural Networks & Fuzzy Logic

Jan 2017 - May 2017

BITS F312 with Tirtharaj Dash, Department of Computer Science,

Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani

Teaching Assistant - Data Structures & Algorithms

Jan 2017 - May 2017

CS F211 with Dr. A. Baskar, Department of Computer Science,

Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani

Work EXPERIENCE Student Researcher, SERG, TU Delft

Aug 2017 - Dec 2017

- Worked on my senior thesis with the Software Engineering Research Group (SERG) on emperical software engineering
- Participated in courses on software analytics and software engineering methods

Software Developer Intern, Intuit Inc.

May 2017 - Jul 2017

- Developed a data engine and a dynamic reports engine directly on top of the database
- Built an insights engine to provide forecasts and a variety of insights based on the data engine

Economic Research & Planning Intern, Indian Bank HQ May 2015 – Jul 2015

• Developed environment sensitive time-series forecasting models for setting business targets

Research Projects

Analysis framework for decoding online developer communities Dec 2015 - May 2017 Advisor: Prasad Talasila Code: github.com/achyudhk/Mailing-List-Network-Analyzer

- Analyzed author interaction through community detection in mailing lists and IRC channels
- Developed a text mining approach to identify topic experts and label communities
- Utilized visual aids to examine the activity and decode the structure of the developer communities

Fitness-aware brokering of hosted containerized environments Jan 2017 - May 2017 Advisor: Dr. Santonu Sarkar GitHub link: achyudhk/Fitness-Aware-Container-Brokering

- Implemented an integration agent that benchmarks and containerizes a SaaS catalogue offering and places it under the best-fit container
- Developed a smart fulfillment engine that deploys a catalogued IT service into a best-fit container out of a set of available containers hosted on various underlying clouds

Feb 2017 - Apr 2017 Novel feature selection using Fuzzy C-Means clustering Advisor: Dr. Rajendra Roul GitHub link: achyudhk/FCM-Feature-Selection

- Features were selected using cosine similarity scores on the semantic centroids calculated from the normalized term-term correlation based on clustering
- Selected features result in comparable F-scores for classification compared to MI and Chi<sup>2</sup>

Mar 2017 - Apr 2017Semantic segmentation using a deconvolution network Neural Networks Course Project Reference: arXiv:1505.04366

• Trained a deconvolution network to identify Red Blood Cells in an input image by predicting a binary segmentation mask

## Video translation of American Sign Language gestures

Nov 2016 – Dec 2016

Machine Learning Course Project

GitHub link: achyudhk/Sign-Language-Recognition

- Utilized hard negative mining, non-maximal suppression for localization and extracted histogram
  of gradients and local binary patterns as features
- Achieved an accuracy of  $\sim 99\%$  on localization and 96.8% on top-5 classification (IoU metric)

## Identifying the trends in Indian Legistative issues using NLP Aug 2016 – Dec 2016 Advisor: Dr. Anoop Kumar GitHub link: achyudhk/Parliamentary-Debate-NLP

- Identified the latent structures within the parliamentary debates using techniques like collocation finders, topic modelling, Ward clustering and multidimensional scaling
- Implemented the Rapid Automatic Keyword Extraction (RAKE) algorithm for key-phrase extraction

#### Miscellaneous Projects

- Feed-forward Neural Network library using computational gate approach supporting multiple optimizers, common activation and loss functions
- Implementation of state of the art Deep Learning papers on Google SVHN and MNIST datasets
- Implementation of machine learning algorithms like Support Vector Machines, Principal Component Analysis, K-means Clustering, Fuzzy C-means Clustering in Python
- Design and implementation of MIPS single-cycle, multi-cycle and pipelined architectures
- Network Topology Simulation and Analysis using Wireshark, NS2, NAM, xGraph and AWK
- Multi-user chat service using socket programming with multicast and broadcast messages
- FTP client and server using socket programming
- BibTeX Parser and Code Beautifier for C using LEX and YACC
- Weather monitoring station design and simulation using  $\mu$ -processor programming and interfacing

# Talks and Presentations

## Department of Economics, BITS Pilani

- Monte-Carlo methods to assess the feasibility of biofuel production using simulation of economic models (Advisor: Dr. Rajorshi Sen Gupta)
   Nov 2015
- Cross country analysis of statistical models for assessing the effect of economic factors on insurance penetration (Advisor: Dr. Aswini Kumar Mishra)

  May 2016
- Rationality, uncertainty and cognition in financial markets An experimental approach using double auction asset market simulation (Advisor: Dr. Anoop Kumar)

  May 2017

#### Google Developer Group, Goa

• Leveraging the power of Virtualization, Docker and the Cloud

Apr 2017

## SKILL SET

#### Languages

C, C++, Python, Java, C#, JavaScript, BASH, SQL, MongoDB, HTML, CSS, Verilog HDL, MIPS32 & x86 Assembly

#### Platforms/Libraries

Amazon Web Services, Google Cloud Platform, Firebase, Android Dev, Docker, LaTeX, NumPy, SciPy, Scikit-Learn, Matplotlib, NLTK, Gensim, Keras, NetworkX, iGraph, Graph-Tool, Flask, Pandas, Scikit-Image, LEX, YACC, Git VCS

#### ACHIEVEMENTS

#### Institute Merit Scholarship — BITS Pilani

Aug 2014 – Dec 2017

Awarded six times for being ranked within the top 1% of the university's students by GPA

 ${\bf Research\ Travel\ Grant-} {\bf IPCD,\ BITS\ Pilani}$ 

Aug 2017

#### India Connect Research Internship — NTU, Singapore

Only student from my university to be selected for both batches in the same year

## Won HackAttack 2017 — Intuit Inc.

Jun 2017

Built Foresight, app that uses object detection, realtime database, and Google Places API to help the differently-abled navigate better

Member of Student Faculty Council — Economic Course Review Aug 2015 – Dec 2015

**Duke of Edinburgh International Award** — Expedition, Bronze Category Jul 2013