

ABOUT

Computer Science Ph.D. with 15+ years of experience in conceptualizing, developing, and evaluating state-of-the-art solutions, connecting ideas from human-computer interaction, artificial intelligence, information retrieval, information visualization, and software engineering.

6+ years of experience in managing people, helping them grow and realize their potential. Both as an individual contributor and manager, I have helped create a culture of excellence in the teams I have been a part of, taking them to new heights and delivering unprecedented value to stakeholders.

Citations: **147+** (Google Scholar: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=B8H-aLkAAAAJ>)

- *Best Paper Honorable Mention Award* at ACM Creativity & Cognition
- *Best Paper Nomination, Best Student Paper Nomination* at ACM Document Engineering

EDUCATION

Texas A&M University College Station, USA
Ph.D. in Computer Science 2015–2021

Co-Advisors: Dr. Andruid Kerne and Dr. Ruihong Huang

Thesis: How to Support Situated Design Education through AI-Based Analytics

Texas A&M University College Station, USA
M.S. in Computer Science 2011–2014

Advisor: Dr. Andruid Kerne

Thesis: TweetBubble: A Twitter Extension Stimulates Exploratory Browsing

Delhi Technological University Delhi, India
B.E. in Information Technology 2003–2007

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Full-Time

Audigent Oakton, USA
Senior Engineer, Data Architecture & Research Mar 2022–Present

- Help drive executive strategy by contributing state-of-the-art solutions, conceptualizing and developing them in collaboration with stakeholders across business units.
- Design, develop, and optimize large-scale data systems focused on deriving audience analytics and presenting them via dashboards.
- Research, develop, and productionize new techniques, including AI/ML approaches, for marketplace search, audience configuration, and yield optimization.
- Increased revenue by up to 10% through automated, intelligent audience configuration and yield optimization for deals curated across diverse platforms.
- Mentor junior engineers in designing and implementing automation, optimization, and analysis processes.

Amobee Los Angeles, USA
Software Engineer, Data Systems Jun 2021–Mar 2022

- Collaborated with stakeholders across business units to identify and disambiguate requirements, as well as to validate that the developed solutions meet or surpass the requirements.

- Designed, developed, and optimized data pipelines that operate at petabytes scale and deliver ad insights for a range of platforms, including digital and linear media.
- Created a 4x faster cross-channel report generation workflow, while also eliminating the need for manual intervention at various steps.
- Investigated machine learning models to optimize data pipeline performance, following extraction of novel insights through exploratory data analysis.
- Mentored junior engineers in developing and optimizing data pipelines for delivering diverse analytics.

Samsung

Noida, India

Lead Engineer / Senior Engineer / Software Engineer

Jul 2007–Aug 2011

- Played an instrumental role in the commercialization of Java platform for mobile, set-top, and blu-ray product lines, coordinating development across teams in India and S. Korea. Teams' size: 10 members each.
- Developed, ported, and optimized 2D Graphics module of Java Virtual Machine. Created novel MNG animation support in the graphics layer.
- Mentored junior engineers in implementing graphics rendering and optimizing multithreaded execution.
- Investigated approaches for memory management in Java Virtual Machine.
- Developed a web-based software component quality evaluation system, including metrics such as SLOC, coupling, cohesion, and cyclomatic complexity.
- Developed notebook apps focused on remote access and network management, including a Six Sigma project addressing remote desktop performance.

Internship

Centrum Wiskunde & Informatica

Amsterdam, Netherlands

Research Intern

Summer 2018

Mentors: Dr. Pablo Cesar and Dr. Abdallah El Ali

- Identified a research gap in supporting personal health tracker users in understanding their data.
- Developed surveys to gather needs and evaluate visualizations for users' sensemaking of their sleep data.
- Identified effective visualizations for sleep tracking through quantitative and qualitative data analyses.

Adobe Research

San Jose, USA

Data Scientist Intern

Summer 2017

Mentor: Dr. Eunye Koh

- Identified a research problem in audience segmentation, engaging in discussions with marketing experts.
- Developed interactive visualization of large-scale graph data to present audience overlaps across campaigns.
- Established the system's efficacy through user studies followed by quantitative and qualitative data analyses.

Google

Mountain View, USA

Software Engineering Intern

Summer 2016

Mentor: Amos Yoffe

- Developed module for presenting message results in Android *In Apps* search, clustered by topic and time.
- Validated the new presentation method by creating a test dataset of messages and comparing search results.
- Launched in September 2016, making the feature available worldwide.

Google Summer of Code

College Station, USA

Student Developer Intern

Summer 2012

Host Organization: Interface Ecology Lab, Texas A&M University

- Developed a RESTful service for meta-metadata structured web semantics represented in XML / JSON format.
- Developed caching, database integration, logging, testing, and deployment modules.
- Deployed the service in a production environment following a thorough investigation of available web servers.

ACADEMIC RESEARCH PROJECTS

- **Design Analytics** [Human-Computer Interaction, Artificial Intelligence]

Spring 2017–Spring 2021

A human-centered AI investigation for assisting instructors in assessing a range of visual and conceptual characteristics present within student design work.

- Engaged co-design discussions and workshops to understand instructors' situated practices and needs.
- Developed a first-of-its-kind AI recognizer to measure students' use of space and scale in their free-form design work.
- Deployed AI-based analytics via dashboards, as a technology probe, in situated course contexts.
- Established efficacy through quantitative precision-recall measures and qualitative analysis of instructor interviews using a grounded theory approach.

• **TweetBubble** [Human-Computer Interaction] Fall 2013–Fall 2016

A Chrome Extension for Twitter users to follow @usernames, #hashtags associations without tabs or windows.

- Developed and deployed Chrome Extension, making it available worldwide.
- Conducted studies during societal events such as the Academy Awards and Super Bowl.
- Developed ideation metrics of exploratory browsing, including Fluency, Flexibility, and Novelty.
- Established efficacy through a mixed methods evaluation, including quantitative ideation metrics and qualitative analysis of user experience data using grounded theory.

• **Event Indicators** [Natural Language Processing] Spring 2016–Fall 2016

A weakly supervised approach for extracting and clustering event indicators from Twitter social media.

- Cleaned up event relevant tweets, filtering duplicates arising from exact matches, substrings, punctuations, etc.
- Applied bootstrapping to acquire a variety of civil unrest event cues, starting from a single strong indicator.

• **BigSemantics** [Software Engineering] Fall 2012–Fall 2016

A software architecture for developing meta-metadata semantics powered dynamic exploratory browsing interfaces.

- Developed new data models, extraction rules, and presentation semantics for social media.
- Developed a RESTful service to facilitate semantics-driven application development across a range of contexts.

• **EvolutionWorks** [Human-Computer Interaction, Information Retrieval] Fall 2011–Spring 2012

A free-form, zoomable space facilitating browsing, collection, and sensemaking of research papers interconnections.

- Developed interface for presenting papers as cards within the free-form zoomable space.
- Developed algorithm for determining representative terms present within a cluster when the user zooms out.
- Established efficacy through user studies, comparing the interface with tabbed browsers.

• **PhotoNav** [Human-Computer Interaction] Fall 2011–Spring 2012

A mixed reality investigation for assisting pedestrian navigation through the means of photographs.

- Developed the NavCurator application for the specification of navigation paths over maps.
- Evaluated handheld and head-mounted displays—through user studies—for assisting pedestrian navigation.

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Best Paper Nomination** at ACM Document Engineering 2021
- **Best Student Paper Nomination** at ACM Document Engineering 2021
- **Best Teaching Assistant Nomination**, Dept. of Computer Science and Engineering, Texas A&M 2020–2021
- **Student Travel Grant**, College of Engineering, Texas A&M 2021
- **Best Teaching Assistant Nomination**, Dept. of Computer Science and Engineering, Texas A&M 2019–2020
- **Best Teaching Assistant Nomination**, Dept. of Computer Science and Engineering, Texas A&M 2018–2019
- **Outstanding Reviewer** Recognition for ACM CHI PLAY Full Papers 2019

- **Academy for Future Faculty Certificate**, Center for Teaching Excellence, Texas A&M 2018
- **Student Travel Grant**, College of Engineering, Texas A&M 2017
- **Student Travel Grant**, National Science Foundation 2017
- **Best Paper Honorable Mention** at ACM Creativity & Cognition 2015
- **Student Travel Grant**, College of Engineering, Texas A&M 2015
- **Extra Mile Award** at Samsung 2010
- **Best Attitude Award** at Samsung 2008
- **Six Sigma Green Belt** at Samsung 2008

REFEREED CONFERENCE PAPERS

1. **Jain, A.**, Kerne, A., Lupfer, N., Britain, G., Perrine, A., Choe, Y., Keyser, J., and Huang, R. Recognizing Creative Visual Design: Multiscale Design Characteristics in Free-Form Web Curation Documents. In *Proceedings of the ACM Symposium on Document Engineering (DocEng) 2021*, 1-10 [33%]. **Best Paper Nomination, Best Student Paper Nomination.**
2. Kerne, A., Lupfer, N., Linder, R., Qu, Y., Valdez, A., **Jain, A.**, Keith, K., Carrasco, M., Vanegas, J., Billingsley, A. Free-form Web Curation: Strategies for Creative Engagement with Prior Work. In *Proceedings of the ACM Conference on Creativity & Cognition (C&C) 2017*, 380-392 [29%].
3. Sharma, H. N., Touns, Z. O., Dolgov, I., Kerne, A., **Jain, A.** Evaluating Display Modalities using a Mixed Reality Game. In *Proceedings of the ACM Annual Symposium on Computer-Human Interaction in Play (CHI PLAY) 2016*, 65-77 [29%].
4. **Jain, A.**, Lupfer, N., Qu, Y., Linder, R., Kerne, A., Smith, S. M. Evaluating TweetBubble with Ideation Metrics of Exploratory Browsing. In *Proceedings of the ACM Conference on Creativity and Cognition (C&C) 2015*, 178-187 [28%]. **Best Paper Honorable Mention - Top 2%.**
5. Wilkins, J., Järvi, J., **Jain, A.**, Kerne, A., Kejriwal, G., Gumudavelly, V. EvolutionWorks: Towards Improved Visualization of Citation Networks. In *Proceedings of the IFIP Conference on Computer-Human Interaction (INTERACT) 2015*, 213-230 [29.9%].
6. Qu, Y., Kerne, A., Lupfer, N., Linder, R., **Jain, A.** Metadata Type System: Integrate Presentation, Data Models and Extraction to Enable Exploratory Browsing Interfaces. In *Proceedings of the ACM Engineering Interactive Computing Systems (EICS) 2014*, 107-116 [18%].
7. Fei, S., Webb, A. M., Kerne, A., Qu, Y., and **Jain, A.** Peripheral Array of Tangible NFC Tags: Positioning Portals for Embodied Trans-Surface Interaction. In *Proceedings of the ACM Conference on Interactive Tabletops and Surfaces (ITS) 2013*, 33-36 [29%].
8. **Jain, A.** and Singh, S. Modified Programming Language Framework for IVRS Accessibility of Graphical User Interfaces. U-Media, pp.163-167, In *Proceedings of the IEEE Conference on Ubi-Media Computing (U-Media) 2011*, 163-167 [34%].

REFEREED WORKSHOPS AND EXTENDED ABSTRACTS

1. Britain, G., **Jain, A.**, Lupfer, N., Kerne, A., Perrine, A., Seo, J., Sungkajun, A. Design is (A)live: An Environment Integrating Ideation and Assessment, In *Extended Abstracts of the ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI Late-Breaking Work) 2020*, 1-8 [41.8%].
2. **Jain, A.** Measuring Creativity: Multi-Scale Visual and Conceptual Design Analysis. In *Proceedings of the ACM Conference on Creativity & Cognition (C&C) 2017*, Graduate Student Symposium, 490-495.

3. **Jain, A.**, Kasiviswanathan, G., and Huang, R. Towards Accurate Event Detection in Social Media: A Weakly Supervised Approach for Learning Implicit Event Indicators. In *Proceedings of the Computational Linguistics (COLING) Workshop on Noisy User-Generated Text (WNUT) 2016*, 70-77.
4. Sharma, H. N., Touns, Z. O., **Jain, A.**, Kerne, A. Designing to Split Attention in a Mixed Reality Game. In *Proceedings of the ACM Annual Symposium on Computer-Human Interaction in Play (CHI PLAY) 2015*, 691-696.
5. Fei, S., Kerne, A., **Jain, A.**, Webb, A. M., and Qu, Y. Positioning portals with peripheral NFC tags to embody trans-surface interaction. In *Proceedings of the ACM Conference on Interactive Tabletops and Surfaces (ITS) 2013*, 317-320.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Recognizing Creative Visual Design: Multiscale Design Characteristics in Free-Form Web Curation Documents** Aug 2021
DocEng'21: Document Engineering
- **LiveMâché: Ideation on the Web** Sep 2020
Georgia Tech ME 6102: Designing Open Engineering Systems
- **Measuring Creativity: Multi-Scale Visual and Conceptual Design Analysis** Jun 2017
C&C'17: Creativity and Cognition (Graduate Student Symposium)
- **Towards Accurate Event Detection in Social Media** Dec 2016
COLING'17: Computational Linguistics
- **Evaluating TweetBubble with Ideation Metrics of Exploratory Browsing** Jun 2015
C&C'15: Creativity and Cognition
- **Programming Language Framework for IVRS Accessibility of Graphical User Interfaces** Jul 2011
UMEDIA'11: Ubi-Media Computing

SKILLS

- **Programming Languages:** C, C++, Java, Python, Scala, R
- **Web Programming:** HTML, JavaScript, React, REST, Django, Node.js
- **Big Data Technologies:** Spark, Kafka, Druid, Airflow
- **Machine Learning Libraries:** Scikit-learn, TensorFlow, Keras
- **Visualization Libraries:** D3.js, Three.js, Gephi
- **Research Methods :** Interviews, Surveys, Observations, Workshops, Grounded Theory, Hypothesis Testing

TEACHING

- **Instructor of Record**, Dept. of Computer Science and Engineering, Texas A&M Spring 2021
CSCE 121 Introduction to Program Design and Concepts (C++)
- **Teaching Assistant**, Dept. of Computer Science and Engineering, Texas A&M Spring 2015–Fall 2020

CSCE 655 Human-Centered Computing
 CSCE 482 Senior Capstone Design
 CSCE 444 Structures of Interactive Information
 CSCE 420 Artificial Intelligence
 CSCE 315 Programming Studio
 CSCE 206 Structured Programming (C++)
 CSCE 121 Introduction to Program Design and Concepts (C++)

MENTORING

- **Gabriel Britain**, Undergraduate Student in Computer Science, Texas A&M Fall 2019–Spring 2020
Research: Design analytics dashboards and their integration with a multiscale design environment.
- **Hannah Fowler**, Undergraduate Student in Computer Science, Texas A&M Spring 2018–Fall 2018
Research: A grounded theory analysis of design instructors' teaching and assessment practices and needs.
- **Aaron Perrine**, Undergraduate Student in Computer Science, Texas A&M Spring 2018–Fall 2018
Research: Design analytics dashboards and their integration with a multiscale design environment.
- **Alex Stacy**, Undergraduate Student in Computer Science, Texas A&M Fall 2016
Research: BigSemantics-based wrappers for extracting and presenting information from social media.

SERVICE

- **Reviewer** 2015–2023
 ACM CHI 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2017, 2016
 ACM DIS 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2016
 ACM CSCW 2022, 2020, 2018
 ACM C&C 2021, 2019, 2015
 ACM CHI PLAY 2019, 2018, 2017
 ACM ISWC 2023
 ACM ICMI 2021
 CogSci 2021, 2019
 EAI MobiHealth 2020
- **Associate Chair** 2021
 ACM Creativity & Cognition
- **Judge, Student Research Week** 2021
 Texas A&M University
- **Registration Chair** 2019
 ACM Creativity & Cognition
- **Student Volunteer** 2012
 Design Computing and Cognition

REFERENCES

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