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Ajit Jain

EDUCATION

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

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

2011-2014

M.S. in Computer Science 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

Amobee

Los Angeles, USA

Software Engineer, Data Systems

Jun 2021–Present

- → Collaborate with stakeholders across business units to identify and disambiguate requirements, as well as to validate that the developed solutions meet or surpass the requirements.
- → Architect, develop, and optimize data pipelines that operate at petabytes scale and deliver ad insights for a range of platforms, including digital, linear, and social media.
- → Investigate machine learning approaches to extract novel insights, as well as to optimize pipeline performance.

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.
- → Performed quantitative and qualitative data analyses to identify users' preferred visualizations for sleep tracking.

Adobe Research
Research Intern
Sun Jose, USA
Summer 2017

Mentor: Dr. Eunyee Koh

- → Engaged co-design methods with marketing experts to identify a research problem in audience segmentation.
- → Developed interactive visualization of large-scale graph data to present audience overlaps across campaigns.
- → Conducted user studies and established the system's efficacy through quantitative and qualitative data analyses.

Google Mountain View, USA

Software Engineer 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

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 comparison of available web servers.

Samsung

Noida, India and Suwon, S. Korea

Software Engineer and Commercialization Coordinator

Jul 2007-Aug 2011

- → Played an instrumental role in commercialization of Java platform for mobile, set-top, and blu-ray product lines, coordinating development across teams in India and S. Korea.
- → Developed, ported, and optimized 2D Graphics module of Java Virtual Machine.
- → Investigated approaches for memory management in Java Virtual Machine.
- \rightarrow Developed notebook apps focused on remote access and network management.

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 an 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.
- → Performed 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.
- → Conducted user studies to compare 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.
- → Conducted user studies to compare pedestrian navigation using handheld and head-mounted displays.

SKILLS

- Programming Languages: C, C++, Java, Python, R
- Web Programming: HTML, JavaScript, REST, Node.js
- Big Data Technologies: HDFS, Spark, 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

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., Toups, 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%.

- 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%].
- 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., Toups, 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

Aug 2021
Sep 2020
Jun 2017
Dec 2016
Jun 2015
Jul 2011

TEACHING

• Instructor of Record, Dept. of Computer Science and Engineering, Texas A&M CSCE 121 Introduction to Program Design and Concepts (C++)

Spring 2021

• 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 2015–2021

ACM CHI 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2017, 2016

ACM DIS 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2016

ACM CSCW 2022, 2020, 2018

ACM C&C 2021, 2019, 2015

ACM CHI PLAY 2019, 2018, 2017

ACM ICMI 2021

CogSci 2021, 2019

EAI MobiHealth 2020

Psychonomic Bulletin 2019

• 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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