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EMPLOYMENT

Senior Engineer, Mobile

Acoustics Ittiam Systems FEB 2012 – till date

ClearRecord – market application reboot

- Developed noise reduction algorithms for audio recordings in different use cases like meetings, traffic, cafes, music concerts, etc.
- Developed custom UI elements for audio rendering and audio editing.
- Took complete product ownership right from competition analysis, deciding on new app features (UI and IP), application architecture, user experience design, actual implementation as well as eventual digital marketing.
- Leading a team of two developers, meeting aggressive deadlines on multiple platforms with an Agile development methodology.
- Expected market release (IOS & Android) May 2015

Noise robust ASR (pocketSphinx)

- Developed an android app that integrates pocketSphinx and Ittiam's noise reduction to demonstrate improvement in recognition accuracy.
- Use case specific language model adaptation/tuning and creation of contextual grammars.
- Use case specific MAP & MLLR adaptation of acoustic models.

Beamforming on mobile devices

- Developed Ittiam Audio Focus, an Android camcorder app that uses multi mic beamforming to capture noise free videos and allows users to focus on a specific speech source post video capture.
- Developed a multi mic VAD specifically for low SNR use-cases observed with far field mobile device audio capture.
- Improved direction of arrival estimation and devised a modified RGSC structure for optimal noise reduction performance on flagship devices like Samsung Galaxy S4 and Sony Xperia Z.

WebRTC based mobile Acoustics

- Developed IttiamAcoustics, an android based VOIP client based on the WebRTC media engine integrated with Ittiam's echo and noise reduction.
- Tuned Echo cancellation and suppression specifically to handle variances in front end latency on Android devices as well as non-linearity in the audio front end on commercial devices like Nexus7 and Galaxy S4.

Linear mic array beamforming

- Developed a Windows based beamforming POC using Microsoft Kinnect and Windows Audio session API.
- Extended the demo to a TI OMAP4 based system.
- Improved beam rejection and beam switching performance.
- Integrated with Ittiam proprietary media engine. Demoed at CES 2013 with TI.

Misc

- Improved single channel noise estimation performance in fixed point.
- Implemented modified Wiener filter based gain curves for noise and echo suppression resulting in perceptible quality improvement.
- Good knowledge of the Android audio path including AudioRecord, AudioTrack, AudioFlinger(Java), OpenSLES (native) as well as device specific HAL.

Software Engineer Robert Bosch JUL 2011 – JAN 2012

• Customize signal conditioning strategies for various sensors feeding inputs to the Engine Control Units (ECU)

Assistant Systems Engineer

Tata Consultancy Services

DEC 2009 - JUN 2011

TDSCDMA physical layer

- Implemented Physical layer modules in fixed point on TI TMS320C64x DSP cores according to 3GPP specs.
- Implemented Tx modules like Rate matching algorithm for multiple transport channels, Reed Muller encoder
 decoder for TFCI bits, subframe segmentation, scrambling code generation, physical channel mapping, user
 specific midamble code generation.

Qualcomm Four Week Build Plan

- Developed a web application allowing Qualcomm engineers, chip designers & product managers to collaborate and track procurement requests for chip components.
- Designed UI pages using **JSF 1.1** and client side functionality using **JQuery.**
- Implemented history functionality, weekly generation of Excel reports using Apache POI and role based edit permissions.

Qualcomm – Portable Hybrid Eectric Vehicle

- Developed a web application that interacts with Qualcomm vehicle parameter loggers mounted on Toyota vehicles allowing Toyota engineers to analyze the logged vehicle parameters.
- Developed a Java object to XML conversion module using XStream.
- Interfaced the application with QPIM, the Qualcomm user authentication web service.

EDUCATION

Vadodara, Gujarat

Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda

Aug 2005 - April 2009

- B.E. in Electronics Engineering with Minor in Mathematics, April 2009. GPA: 3.95/4.0.
- Undergraduate Coursework: Digital signal Processing, Analog and Digital Communications, Mobile Communication Systems, Embedded Systems, Digital Design, Analog Electronics.

TECHNICAL PROJECTS

Projects

- Automatic Speech Recognition and Home Automation System (2009) Final year undergrad project. Home
 automation system directed at the differently abled, controlled via speech commands. Implemented in C on a
 Silabs C8051F120 DSP.
- Android Push notifications (2010) Developed an Android application based on IBM's MQTT protocol that
 implements push notifications for Android versions older than 2.1 before Android C2DM framework was
 introduced.
- Stereo Echo Cancellation (2014) Guided an intern to develop a Matlab based demonstration of Stereo AEC. Implemented a floating point real time version. Developed algorithms to optimally decorrelate signals to achieve required level of convergence.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE AND AWARDS

- Co-ordinator (2006 2009): Organized a state level event called Prerna for the differently abled for three consecutive years.
- **Technical Excellence Award(2013):** Companywide technical excellence award for contribution to Ittiam's multi mic beamforming demo with TI at CES 2013.

Languages and Technologies

- C; Java; Python; Matlab; R; Objective-C; Spring; Hibernate; JSF; JSON
- · Visual Studio; Eclipse; XCode; Git; CVS; SVN
- Android; IOS; Linux; Windows