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#### Education

#### PhD (Candidate) in Computer Science

08/2023 - current

University of Illinois Chicago Dissertation: Declarative Analytics on Heterogeneous Exascale Systems

Advisor: Dr. Sidharth Kumar

GPA: 4.00/4.00

# PhD (Student) in Computer Science

08/2021 - 08/2023

Birmingham, AL

University of Alabama at Birmingham

Advisor: Dr. Sidharth Kumar GPA: 4.00/4.00

Master of Science in Information Technology

01/2016 - 01/2017

Jahangirnagar University

Dhaka, Bangladesh

Thesis: A RESTful E-Governance Application Framework for People Identity Verification in Cloud

Advisor: Dr. Md Whaiduzzaman

GPA: 3.67/4.00

Bachelor of Science in Information Technology

01/2012 - 01/2016 Dhaka, Bangladesh

Jahangirnagar University Project: EasyC: A Platform for Learning C Programming

GPA: 3.73/4.00

# Research Interest Experience

High Performance Computing, Data Analytics, Cloud Computing, Software Engineering

#### Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant

08/2023 - cont.

University of Illinois Chicago

Chicago, IL

- Developing multi-node, multi-GPU applications focusing on high-performance relational algebra primi-
- Extending the topological data analysis pipeline to apply persistent homology on brain networks.
- TA: CS 480 Database Systems, CS 455 Introduction to High Performance Computing.

# Graduate Student Intern (WJ Cody Associate)

05/2023 - 08/2023

Argonne National Lab

Lemont, IL

- Enhanced Rosetta-Bench, a benchmark suite for evaluating parallel programming model performance.
- Integrated HIP benchmarks and refined benchmark report generation.
- Collaborated with HPC engineers on integrating the benchmark suite in HPC systems.

#### Graduate Research Assistant (Blazer Fellow)

08/2021 - 08/2023

University of Alabama at Birmingham

Birmingham, AL

- Demonstrated the feasibility of a high-performance relational algebra backend for a subset of Datalog applications leveraging GPU parallelism.
- Developed a visualization tool to create Kaplan Meier survival probability graph for cancer data analysis.
- Designed a topological data analysis pipeline to apply persistent homology on brain networks resting state fMRI data.

#### Assistant Programmer

06/2019 - 08/2021

ICT Division, Government of Bangladesh

Dhaka, Bangladesh

- Developed a web application visualizing e-File usage data across root-level government offices.
- Led cross-functional teams in developing and delivering multiple e-Governance applications.
- Integrated technology-driven solutions to advance Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

Software Engineer

12/2017 - 06/2019

Cefalo Bangladesh Ltd.

Dhaka, Bangladesh

- Developed and maintained five publications of this Norwegian media conglomerate in a global team.
- Re-designed the digital subscription model that reduced the subscription completion time by 75%.
- Automated multi-tiered web application deployment process by designing a CI/CD pipeline.

Software Engineer

10/2016 - 11/2017 Dhaka, Bangladesh

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• Developed a Education as a Service(EaaS) application.

- Created real time fingerprint based attendance system with instant messaging service.
- Designed a CI/CD pipeline for web application deployment.

Teaching Experience

#### **Graduate Teaching Assistant**

Spring 2025

Department of Computer Science, University of Illinois Chicago

Chicago, IL

Course: Introduction to High-Performance Computing

- Evaluated assignments, projects, and theoretical tasks related to parallel computing and HPC concepts.
- Created scripts using Github APIs for grading and organizing students assignment on Github classroom.
- Assisted students on their projects on ALCF and campus HPC resources.

### Graduate Teaching Assistant

Fall 2024

Department of Computer Science, University of Illinois Chicago

Chicago, IL

Course: Database Systems

- Designed and evaluated SQL programming assignments, projects, and exams.
- $\bullet$  Configured Gradescope's Autograder for autograding programming assignments.
- Delivered a guest lecture on optimizing database performance by caching queries using Redis.

# Graduate Teaching Assistant

01/2016 - 12/2016

Institute of Information Technology, Jahangirnagar University

Dhaka, Bangladesh

Course: Operating Systems

- Conducted weekly lab sessions focused on shell scripting, process management, and system calls.
- Assisted students in implementing OS-related projects, debugging code, and understanding core concepts.
- Designed and graded bi-weekly tests on operating system topics.

**Bibliometrics** 

Journal Articles: 3, Book Chapter: 1, Conference Papers: 8, Workshop Papers: 2

Citations: 1709, h-index: 6 (retrieved from Google Scholar on 04/21/2025)

Journal Articles [J3] Sidharth Kumar, Ahmedur Rahman Shovon, Gopikrishna Deshpande, The robustness of persistent homology of brain networks to data acquisition-related non-neural variability in resting state fMRI, In: *Human Brain Mapping*. DOI: 10.1002/hbm.26403. (Q1).

[J2] Darshan Shimoga Chandrashekar, Santhosh Kumar Karthikeyan, Praveen Kumar Korla, Henalben Patel, **Ahmedur Rahman Shovon**, Mohammad Athar, George J Netto, Zhaohui S Qin, Sidharth Kumar, Upender Manne, Chad J Crieghton, and Sooryanarayana Varambally, **UALCAN: An update to the integrated cancer data analysis platform**, In: *Neoplasia*. DOI: 10.1016/j.neo.2022.01.001. (Q1).

[J1] Md Whaiduzzaman, Md. Razon Hossain, Ahmedur Rahman Shovon, Shanto Roy, Aron Laszka, Rajkumar Buyya, and Alistair Barros, A Privacy-preserving Mobile and Fog Computing Framework to Trace and Prevent COVID-19 Community Transmission, In: *IEEE Journal of Biomedical and Health Informatics (J-BHI)*. DOI: 10.1109/JBHI.2020.3026060. (Q1).

Book Chapters [B1] Ahmedur Rahman Shovon, Shanto Roy, Tanusree Sharma, and Md. Whaiduzzaman, A RESTful E-Governance Application Framework for People Identity Verification in Cloud, In: Luo M., Zhang LJ. (eds) Cloud Computing – CLOUD 2018. Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol 10967. Springer, Cham. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-319-94295-7\_19.

## Conference Papers

[C8] Ahmedur Rahman Shovon, Yihao Sun, Thomas Gilray, Kristopher Micinski, Sidharth Kumar, Multi-Node Multi-GPU Datalog, In: ACM International Conference on Supercomputing 2025 (ICS 2025), (Accepted).

[C7] Yihao Sun, Ahmedur Rahman Shovon, Thomas Gilray, Kristopher Micinski, Sidharth Kumar, Optimizing Datalog for the GPU, In: 2025 the ACM International Conference on Architectural Support for Programming Languages and Operating Systems (ASPLOS 2025), DOI: 10.1145/3669940.3707274.

[C6] Andres Sewell, Ke Fan, Ahmedur Rahman Shovon, Landon Dyken, Sidharth Kumar, Steve Petruzza, Bruck Algorithm Performance Analysis for Multi-GPU All-to-All Communication, In: Proceedings of the International Conference on High Performance Computing in Asia-Pacific Region (HPCAsia 2024), Nagoya, Japan, 2024 pp. 127–133. DOI: 10.1145/3635035.3635047.

[C5] Ahmedur Rahman Shovon, Thomas Gilray, Kristopher Micinski, Sidharth Kumar, Towards Iterative Relational Algebra on the GPU, In: 2023 USENIX Annual Technical Conference (USENIX ATC 23), Boston, MA, USA, 2023 pp. 1009-1016. ISBN: 978-1-939133-35-9.

[C4] Md Whaiduzzaman, Alistair Barros, Ahmedur Rahman Shovon, Md Razon Hossain, and Colin Fidge, A Resilient Fog-IoT Framework for Seamless Microservice Execution, In: *IEEE International Conference on Services Computing (SCC) - 2021*, pp. 213-221. DOI: 10.1109/SCC53864.2021.00034.

[C3] Md Shahriare Satu, Md Khalilur Rahman, Maksud Alam Rony, Ahmedur Rahman Shovon, Md Jane Alam Adnan, Koushik Chandra Howlader, and M Shamim Kaiser, COVID-19: Update, Forecast and Assistant-An Interactive Web Portal to Provide Real-Time Information and Forecast COVID-19 Cases in Bangladesh, In: International Conference on Information and Communication Technology for Sustainable Development - 2021, pp. 456-460. DOI: 10.1109/ICICT4SD50815.2021.9396786.

[C2] Ahmedur Rahman Shovon, Shanto Roy, Arnab Kumar Shil, and Tanjila Atik, GDPR Compliance: Implementation Use Cases for User Data Privacy in News Media Industry, In: International Conference on Advances in Science, Engineering and Robotics Technology (ICASERT) - 2019, pp. 1-6. DOI: 10.1109/ICASERT.2019.8934660.

[C1] Shanto Roy, Ahmedur Rahman Shovon, and Md. Whaiduzzaman, Combined approach of Tokenization and Mining to secure and optimize Big Data in Cloud Storage, In: *IEEE R10 Humanitarian Technology Conference (R10-HTC) - 2017*, pp. 83-88. DOI: 10.1109/R10-HTC.2017.8288912.

# Workshop Papers

[W2] Kashyap Balakavi, Rushitha Janga, Ahmedur Rahman Shovon, Don Dempsey, Elliot Lefkowitz, and Sidarth Kumar, Scalable, interactive and hierarchical visualization of virus taxonomic data, In: 2021 IEEE Workshop on Visual Analytics in Healthcare (VAHC), Melbourne, Australia, 2023, in conjunction with IEEE VIS 2023, DOI: 10.1109/VAHC60858.2023.00012.

[W1] Ahmedur Rahman Shovon, Landon Richard Dyken, Oded Green, Thomas Gilray, and Sidharth Kumar, Accelerating Datalog applications with cuDF, In: 2022 IEEE/ACM Workshop on Irregular Applications: Architectures and Algorithms (IA3), Dallas, TX, USA, 2022 pp. 41-45 in conjunction with SC22. DOI: 10.1109/IA356718.2022.00012.

### Reviewer Recognition

Journal: Sustainable Cities and Society (SCS)

Impact Factor: 7.58, Publisher: Elsevier.

#### Awards

### **USENIX ATC Student Grant**

Awarded by the USENIX Association.

#### Blazer Graduate Research Fellowship

Awarded by the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

#### National Science and Technology (NST) Fellowship

Awarded by the Ministry of Science and Technology, Bangladesh.

2023

2016-2017

2021-2022

University Merit Scholarships

Awarded by the Jahangirnagar University.

2012 - 2016

Achievements

3rd @ Computational Research Symposium Poster Presentation 2025

Presented posted on our multi-node multi-GPU Datalog engine (MNMGDatalog).

10/2023

04/2025

Winner @ oneAPI Hackathon: CUDA to SYCL Migration

Ported CUDA project to SYCL with automatic and manual interventions.

Participant @ Argonne GPU Hackathon 2022

07/2022

Benchmarked transitive closure computation, nested loop join on ThetaGPU.

1<sup>st</sup> @ Hackerrank Python and Security domain

07/2016

Solved all Python and Security domain related challenges at Hackerrank.

7<sup>th</sup> @ IEEEXtreme Programming Competition 9.0

10/2015

Achieved 7<sup>th</sup> position out of 2,477 teams, Team: *JUIITCoders*.

Technical Skills Languages: Python, C++, JavaScript, Java, SQL, Bash, PHP.

Parallel programming models: CUDA, MPI, Thrust, SYCL, HIP, OpenMP, CuDF.

Data analytics: Pandas, NumPy, Scikit-learn, Gudhi, Matplotlib, D3.js. Web tools: Flask, Django, React, jQuery, CodeIgniter, Redis, AWS. CI/CD: Docker, GitHub Actions, Travis CI, Jenkins, Boto3, Kubernetes.

Training

Hands-on HPC Workshop @ ALCF

10/2023

Covers topics to porting applications to heterogeneous architectures.

AI for Science on Supercomputers @ ALCF

12/2022

Covers topics to develop AI solutions and scale AI training on ThetaGPU supercomputer. (certificate link)

Hands-On HPC @ OLCF

12/2022

Covers HPC tools (MPI, OpenMP, and CUDA) using Summit supercomputer. (certificate link)

Fundamentals of Accelerated Computing @ NVIDIA

06/2022

Covers topics of accelerating applications on GPUs utilizing CUDA programming model. (certificate link)

Effective Object Oriented Programming @ Cefalo

05/2018

Covers core principles of Object Oriented Programming. Achievement: Certificate of Excellence

Community Contributions Top 3% contributor @ StackOverflow

Gained 13600+ reputation in StackOverflow.

Username: arshovon

Username: arsho

Contribution @ PyPI Developed Bangla, AutoLike, Opener, and CopyUSB PyPI listed packages.

Judge @ UIC Undergraduate Research Forum 2024

04/2024

Served as a judge under Office of Undergraduate Research and External Fellowships.

Judge @ Research Expo, UAB

08/2021 - 08/2023

Served as a judge under Service Learning and Undergraduate Research, UAB.

Volunteer @ The World Games 2022, Birmingham, USA

07/2022

Served as a volunteer for the International World Games Association (IWGA).

Webmaster @ IEEE Student Branch, JU

05/2015 - 10/2016

Developed and maintained IEEE SB, JU website.