

# MD ASHIKUR RAHMAN

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## EDUCATION

American International University-Bangladesh Jan.'11 – Feb.'15  
B.Sc. in Computer Science and Engineering (CGPA: 3.87/4.00, Top 3%)  
**Thesis:** Sentiment Analysis and Fact Extraction from RSS Feeds: An In-depth Analysis Advisor: Prof. Dr. Tabin Hasan

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Machine Learning and Optimization
- Neural Networks
- Computer Vision
- Natural Language Processing

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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| • Machine Learning:                 | Supervised and Unsupervised Learning, Linear Models                   |
| • ML Key Techniques:                | Regression, Random Forest, PCA, Gradient Descent, SVMs                |
| • CV/NLP Architectures:             | VGG, YOLO, U-Net, Mask R-CNN, BERT, Word2Vec                          |
| • Programming:                      | C/C++, Python, R  |
| • Databases:                        | MySQL, PostgreSQL, MongoDB  |
| • Cloud Platforms:                  | GCP (Compute Engine, Cloud Functions), Microsoft Azure (Azure DevOps) |
| • ML Frameworks, Libraries & Tools: | TensorFlow, PyTorch, FastAPI, Matplotlib, Docker                      |
| • Collaboration & Version Control:  | GitHub, Bitbucket, Trello, JIRA, LaTeX                                |

## KEY RESEARCH PROJECTS

- ✓ **Multi-View Image Fusion Techniques to Overcome Single Viewpoint Reconstruction Limitations**  
**Contributors:** Md Ashikur Rahman, Md Arifur Rahman, Faizul Hassan, Shafayat Ahmed Apr.'23 – Present
  - This project addresses the limitations of single-viewpoint 3D reconstruction from 360-degree view videos or a set of images that cover a full 360-degree of the products to produce 3D meshes, generating GLB files for further post-processing
  - This approach aims to reduce human 3D image editing processing time by at least 40%, providing a more efficient and scalable solution for creating 3D models
- ✓ **Deep Network Architectures for Object Detection and Segmentation** (The National ICT Award-Winning Project)  
**Contributors:** Md Ashikur Rahman, Md Arifur Rahman, Nazmin Nahar Apr.'21 – Present  
**Project Link:** <https://retouched.ai/>
  - Developed a deep neural network for salient object detection, achieving up to 96.23% accuracy (HCE metric) and processing 2.6M images globally with a daily throughput of 8,000–11,000 images
  - Improved accuracy by 17% and reduced processing time by 30% compared to existing tools, processing a 257 MB image in 2.27 seconds by utilizing enhanced model depth and advanced pooling techniques in RSU blocks
- ✓ **Collaborative Learning for Generalized Virtual Try-On with GP-VTON**  
**Contributors:** Md Arifur Rahman, Zakir Hossain, Md Ashikur Rahman Jan.'23 – Feb' 24
  - Enhanced GP-VTON framework with a new warping module and training strategy, improving image alignment by 19%, pose estimation by 6%, and garment fitting accuracy by 11%
  - Despite substantial technical enhancements, the project failed due to issues with hardware integration at malls, which limited scalability and hindered commercial viability
- ✓ **Contextual Key Phrase Spotting and Insights Extraction from Audio Conversations**  
**Contributors:** Md Ashikur Rahman, Kazi Sohrab Uddin, Md Nahiyen Sept.'23 – Nov.'23  
Deployed SeamlessM4T, a multimodal AI model, to translate text from audio files and integrated Llama 2 to extract key contextual phrases. Tested in Bangladesh to optimize operational processes for a customer service provider
- ✓ **Named Entity Recognition (NER) on the N2C2 Dataset: Obesity Challenge Factors** (Intl. Voluntary Research Project)  
**Contributors:** Md Ashikur Rahman, Thanh Thieu Jul.'20 – Sep.'20  
This project increased NER performance on the dataset by implementing a Tree-LSTM model, achieving a 7.23% performance boost over LSTM, and using an algorithm to convert NeuroNER output into WebAnno format, streamlining annotation

## PUBLICATIONS & WORKSHOPS - (Google Scholar)

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- Md Ashikur Rahman, Md Arifur Rahman and Juena Ahmed Noshin. Automated Detection of Diabetic Retinopathy using Deep Residual Learning. International Journal of Computer Applications 177(42):25-32, March 2020
- NVIDIA GTC - Accelerating Data Engineering Pipelines – Nov 2021 (INSTRUCTOR-LED WORKSHOP)
- (Under Review) Submitted to a Q1-ranked journal, the research “AdvHSNet: An Approach Using Self-Attention Mechanism for Hate Speech Detection” proposes improvements of 8.30% in precision, 7.5% in recall, and 8% in F1 score, enhancing the model's accuracy

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### ✓ **The KOW Company**

Lead, Artificial Intelligence

Jan.'23 – Present

Key Contributions:

- Conduct research in deep learning and computer vision SOTA areas, e.g., 3D reconstruction and Pose Estimation
- Collaborate with mathematics professors at EWU four days a week to deepen understanding of linear algebra and differential geometry, enhancing proficiency in the development of machine learning & computer vision algorithms
- Lead 8-10 intra-departmental meetings per month, manage 4 ongoing projects with 20+ team members, improving project delivery time by 15% through process optimization and ensuring 90-95% on-time, quality results

Senior Machine Learning Engineer

Jul.'21 – Dec.'22

Key Contributions:

- Conducted advanced machine learning topics, including customer segmentation and cluster-based territory map coloring, with a goal to improve healthcare marketing strategies by 15% within six months
- Improved training algorithms for Object Detection and Segmentation, increasing accuracy by 20-35% over six to seven iterative testing phases
- Led over 6 client engagements, internal technical discussions, and managed project timelines, deliverables, and team performance

Machine Learning Engineer

Jul.'20 – Jun.'21

Key Contributions:

- Implemented deep learning models, resulting in significant improvements in object recognition and segmentation tasks
- Conducted A/B testing to assess the performance and effectiveness of different model variations or algorithms

### ✓ **Smart Technologies (BD) Ltd**

Senior Software Engineer

Sep.'16 – Dec.'19

Key Contributions:

- Developed ERP modules in .NET, including HRM, inventory management, procurement management, fixed asset management, audit management, sales and distribution, discount management, and predictive analytics, resulting in 70-75% automation and at least 45% increase in online report visualization
- Designed a .NET-based monolithic architecture to ensure scalability and seamless integration across modules, resulting in a 30-40% reduction in development time for new features
- Built a real-time scheduler for large-scale data synchronization on the ~5TB distributed databases
- Optimized SQL queries to enhance performance on the 5TB databases, ensuring efficient data handling

### ✓ **Proggasoft**

Software Engineer

Mar.'15 – Aug.'16

Key Contributions:

- Developed a contest platform (<https://devskill.com>) using ASP.NET MVC, adhering to SOLID principles and design patterns

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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- 2021: Finalist, AICTA 2021 - The Asia Pacific ICT Alliance Award
- 2021: Champion, BASIS National ICT Awards 2020
- 2015: Academic Award (Magna Cum Laude)
- 2012-2014: Merit Scholarship & Tuition Fee Waiver, AIUB

## CERTIFICATIONS & ONLINE LEARNING [Available for public viewing via the provided link]

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- Hands-on Practice in Solving Advanced Algorithms – Achieved Gold on HackerRank
- Completed comprehensive training in basic data structure & algorithm techniques on HackerRank