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EDUCATION

• **Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology (CUET)**   *Feb 2020 - Present*
  B.Sc. in Computer Science and Engineering   Chittagong, Bangladesh
  ◦ CGPA: 3.95/4.00 (Till 6th Semester)
  ◦ Class Position: 3/132

PROGRAMMING / TECHNICAL SKILLS

• **Proficient:**   C, C++, Python, HTML, CSS, Flutter

• **Moderate:**   Java, JavaScript, SQL, MongoDB, React, Node.js

• **Frameworks:**   Keras, TensorFlow, Pytorch

• **Devops:**   Docker, Vagrant

• **Tools:**   Jupyter, Git, LaTeX, VS Code

PUBLICATIONS   C=Conference, J=Journal, P=Patent, S=In Submission, T=Thesis

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[C.1] Md. Sajjad Hossain, Ashraful Islam Paran, Symom Hossain Shohan, Jawad Hossain, and Mohammed Moshiul Hoque. 2024. **SemanticCUETSync at SemEval-2024 Task 1: Finetuning Sentence Transformer to Find Semantic Textual Relatedness.** In *Proceedings of the 18th International Workshop on Semantic Evaluation (SemEval-2024)*, pages 1222–1228, Mexico City, Mexico. Association for Computational Linguistics.

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[T.1] **Detecting Abusive Language in Bengali using Multimodal Fusion.**

PROJECTS

• **Caption Generator**   *Oct 2023 – Dec 2023*
  ◦ Utilized the `vit-gpt2-image-captioning` model to generate captions for images.
  ◦ Designed a streamlined pipeline for processing images and generating captions efficiently.
  ◦ Implemented and tested various pre-processing and post-processing techniques to enhance caption quality.

• **Movie Recommender**   *Oct 2023 – Dec 2023*
  ◦ Developed a movie recommender web app using Streamlit to provide personalized movie recommendations.

- Implemented collaborative filtering and content-based filtering algorithms to suggest movies based on user preferences and movie characteristics.
- Integrated interactive features such as user input forms and dynamic recommendation updates to enhance user experience.

- **Deen - An Islamic app** *Oct 2023 – Dec 2023*
  - Developed "DEEN - An Islamic App" using Flutter, providing a comprehensive package of Islamic features.
  - Implemented a mosque finder feature using Google Maps API to help users locate nearby mosques.
  - Included features such as prayer times, Quran recitation, Qibla direction, and Islamic calendar to serve the diverse needs of the Muslim community.

- **ThriftTrade** *Jan 2023 – Mar 2023*
  - Developed a bird species classifier integrating advanced machine learning into a user-friendly app
  - Utilized Flutter and a fine-tuned CNN model for species identification
  - Managed data preparation and preprocessing for accurate results

- **Football Manager** *Sep 2022 – Dec 2022*
  - Developed "Football Manager," a Java Swing application for comprehensive player management.
  - Implemented features for adding, updating, and deleting player profiles with detailed statistics.
  - Integrated search and filter functionalities to quickly find and manage player information.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- **INTERNATIONAL**

  - 2024 **4th Place**, CLEF 2024 - CheckThat! Lab Task 2 *Grenoble, France*
  - 2024 **5th Place**, CLEF 2024 - CheckThat! Lab Task 1 *Grenoble, France*
  - 2024 **5th Place**, AraFinNLP SharedTask 2024 (Subtask 1 - Multi-dialect Intent Detection) *Bangkok, Thailand*
  - 2024 **6th Place**, ArAIEval: Propagandistic Techniques Detection *Bangkok, Thailand*
  - 2024 **11th Place**, SemEval-2024 Task 1 *Mexico City, Mexico*
  - 2023 **Top 15 Finalist**, Honda YES Award
  - 2019 **Gold Honour**, International Youth Math Challenge (IYMC)
  - 2018 **Finalist**, International Youth Math Challenge (IYMC)

- **DOMESTIC**

  - 2024 **5th Place**, IUT ICT Fest 2024 Datathon: ASR for Regional Dialects *Dhaka, Bangladesh*
  - 2022 **19th Place**, Code Samurai Hackathon 2022 *Dhaka, Bangladesh*
  - 2023 **99th Place**, ICPC Asia Dhaka Regional Onsite Contest *Dhaka, Bangladesh*
  - 2020-23 **Honorable Mention x3**, ICPC Asia Dhaka Regional Preliminary Contest *Dhaka, Bangladesh*
  - 2020-23 **Technical Scholarship x6**, Academic excellence *Dhaka, Bangladesh*

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- **Assistant IT Secretary, CUET Computer Club** *2020 - Present*
  Chittagong, Bangladesh
  - Gained expertise in competitive programming
  - Participated in many onsite programming contests
  - Organized several programming competitions

- **Assistant General Secretary, Josephite Math Club** *2017 - 2019*
  Dhaka, Bangladesh
  - Held several workshops on mathematics.
  - Organized Josephite Math Festival 2018 and BDMO (Bangladesh Math Olympiad) preliminary round.

CERTIFICATIONS

- **Deep Learning Specialization** *Mar 2024*
  DeepLearning.AI
- **Machine Learning Specialization** *Mar 2024*
  DeepLearning.AI