







# Md Asifur Rahman

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## EDUCATION

**Wake Forest University (WFU), North Carolina, United States**

**Dec 2023 (Expected)**

Master of Science in Computer Science,

**Rajshahi University of Engineering & Technology (RUET), Rajshahi, Bangladesh**

**Oct 2016**

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science & Engineering, CGPA: 3.74/4.00

## SKILLS

**Programming Languages:** Python , C++ , Java, PHP, JavaScript, Bash script

**Tech/Tools:** PyTorch, Tensorflow, SciPy, Scikit-learn, Numpy, Pandas, Keras, RLib, Ray Tune, W&B, Open MPI, Regex, Git, Bootstrap, Django, Laravel, API, AWS, cPanel, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Matlab, Smartsheet, MS Office Applications, Jira, Figma, Mural, Balsamiq, Qualtrics

**Operating Systems:** OSX, Linux, Windows, Ubuntu

**Database:** MySQL, MongoDB

**Machine Learning/Data Mining:** Regression, Classification, Parallel-SGD, Exploratory Data Analysis, Clustering, Association Rule Mining

**Reinforcement Learning:** Single and Multi-agent systems, Safe Reinforcement Learning, Multi-armed bandits, Contextual Bandits, Behavior Cloning, Inverse Reinforcement Learning

## PROJECTS

- ◇ **Test Request Management System & Python Code Generator , Summer Internship, Qorvo** **May 2023**
  - Developed a smartsheet-based system for managing test requests, offering resource and task management, along with data retrospection for optimizing testing procedures.
  - Collaborated with Qorvo's software development team to create a new Python-based code generator, identified 3 major concerns with the previous Perl-based code generator. Utilized tools such as Regex, Pandas, and Jinja2 for this project.
- ◇ **FindingJobs, Software Engineering Project, WFU** **May 2023**
  - As the product owner of an innovative career development software concept called "FindingJob," managed the product backlog using Agile.
- ◇ **Analysis of Communication Avoidance in SGD, Parallel Optimization Project, WFU** **April 2023**
  - Implemented 4 communication avoidance stochastic gradient descent (SGD) algorithms - Row Major Parallel SGD, Column Major Parallel, Local-SGD, CA-SGD using Open MPI library.
- ◇ **Pointwise Model Unstability Approximation, Data Mining Project, WFU** **Dec 2022**
  - Implemented a RL based approximation model for identifying pointwise instability in machine learning models using SciPy, Scikit-Learn, Pandas, PyTorch, Ray Tune.
- ◇ **AdvEx-RL, Research Assistant, WFU** **Nov 2022**
  - Developed AdvEx-RL, a versatile safety framework for reinforcement learning (RL) compatible with any policy, delivering state-of-the-art safety. This work has been published in [IJCAI 2023](#).
  - Implemented the framework in python using libraries such as Keras, PyTorch, Tensorflow, NumPy, Ray Tune, W&B, RLib, MuJoCo and Github.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- ◇ **Research Assistant, WFU** **Jan 2022 - Present**
  - Conduct studies for an NSF-funded project contributing to the progress in the development of safe-explainable RL.
- ◇ **Test Engineering Intern, Qorvo** **May 2023 - Aug 2023**
  - Collaborate with Qorvo test engineering teams and software engineering teams on 2 projects.
- ◇ **Assistant Professor, Department of CSE, RUET** **May 2021 - Dec 2021**
  - Mentor over 720 students on courses such as: Introduction to programming language, Object oriented programming, Computer Fundamentals etc.
  - Supervise 2 thesis and 8 web development projects by the students.
- ◇ **Lecturer, Department of CSE, RUET** **July 2017 - May 2021**
  - Teach courses such as: Computer Fundamentals, Lab on Data structure, Lab on C++ & Java.
- ◇ **Lecturer, Department of Software Engineering, Daffodil International University** **Jan 2017 - April 2017**
  - Instruct 60 students in courses such as Software Engineering and Computer Fundamentals.

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- ◇ **Focal Point of Department of CSE, RUET** **July 2017 - Dec 2021**
  - Communicate and collaborate with industry and educational institutes. Organized 3 workshops in this role.
- ◇ **Dhaka Social Welfare Society at RUET, Treasurer** **July 2017 - Dec 2021**
  - Managed around \$2500 USD to fund and organize welfare events such as: distributing warm clothes to people in need, free IT lessons in rural areas, need based fund, student travel fund etc.