

# BHARGAV KRISHNA THOTA

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## SUMMARY

A PhD graduate with 3 years of professional experience having strong background in applied research and software development building server-side and web applications. Skilled in translating complex research problems into practical scalable solutions, with expertise in data structures, algorithms, system design and design patterns.

## EDUCATION

**Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)** in Computer Science and Engineering | Southern Illinois University, Carbondale | GPA: 3.78 | Dec 2025

**Master of Science (M.S.)** in Computer Science | University of Illinois, Springfield | GPA: 3.87 | May 2017

**Bachelor of Technology** in Computer Science and Engineering | Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, India | Apr 2015

## SKILLS

**Programming Languages:** Java, Python, Bash

**Data Analytics:** Machine Learning, Deep Learning in Python

**Databases:** SQL, MySQL, NoSQL(Neo4j)

**Web Technologies:** HTML, CSS, Javascript, JQuery

**Tools:** Eclipse, SVN, Git, Jupyter Notebook

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **Software Engineer**

**Enfusion**, Chicago, IL

Sep 2017 – Aug 2020

- Enhanced the portfolio management system used by hedge funds of 100+ clients improving trade, position and cash accuracy monitoring.
- Automated data collection from prime brokers, custodians and fund administrators using Secure FTP protocols and custom bash scripts.
- Designed ETL pipelines for cleaning, normalization and aggregation processing daily transactions.
- Authored and optimized complex SQL queries for MySQL, creating schemas, tables, indexes for increasing the performance.
- Streamlined end of the day trade reporting by developing JAXB-based XML parsers for automated report generation.

### **Assistant System Engineer**

**Tata Consultancy Services**, India

Jun 2015 - Jan 2016

Contributed to the design and development of Java/J2EE Web Application using MVC architecture. Coded Data Access Objects, Service Controllers, and validation classes to implement core application logic.

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

### **Graduate Research Assistant**

**Southern Illinois University**, Carbondale

Aug 2022 – Dec 2025

- Built “XArgue,” a cross-platform mobile application for iOS and Android platforms.
- Architected the application’s back end and real time communication using Java, Neo4j and Socket.IO.
- Implemented a logging and monitoring system using Grafana Loki to analyze application performance.

### **Graduate Assistant**

**Southern Illinois University**, Carbondale

Aug 2020 – Dec 2025

- Instructed CS-200B Computer Concepts course, covering algorithms, AI, computer organization, and programming languages.
- Teaching Assistant for CS-436 Artificial Intelligence, CS-537 Advanced Expert Systems, CS-480 Computational Statistics II.
- Migrated cadence and synopses tools from CentOS to Ubuntu 22.04 by developing and modifying scripts to ensure software compatibility.

## PROJECTS

### **Assessing the Impact of Social Networks on Cyber-Argumentation**

- Developed a prototype of a mobile application of cyber argumentation with social networking featuring diversity enhanced connection recommendation, polarization index, collective opinion prediction, collective opinion analytics.
- Proposed novel impact measures to quantify the impact of social networks on the formation and evolution of collective opinion in argumentation.
- Created a innovative model of temporal opinion evolution graph in argumentation and quantitatively analyzed the impact of social networks on the formation of outlier opinions in cyber-argumentation.

Skills: Java, Python, Neo4j, Socket.io, Javascript, Numpy, Pandas, Matplotlib, Networkx

### **Forecasting Volatility of USD/INR**

Built LSTM-based deep learning models with dropout, layer normalization, and early stopping. Tuned sequence length (200 timesteps), achieving 98.9% prediction accuracy.

Skills: Python, Keras, Numpy, Pandas, Matplotlib, Time-Series Forecasting

### **Opinion Stance & Intensity Prediction**

Applied regression models (Lasso, Logistic, SVM, Random Forest) with PCA + feature selection. Lasso with PCA (100 features) achieved 99.6% accuracy on cyber-argumentation data.

Skills: Python, Scikit-Learn, Numpy, Pandas, Matplotlib

### **Citation Network Analytics**

Analyzed ACM Citation Network using Weighted PageRank in Apache Spark. Identified top 10 influential papers from large-scale graph data.

Skills: Spark, HiveQL, Hadoop, Scala

## AWARDS

**Dissertation Research Award**, Fall 2023 and Spring 2024.

**Best Student Paper**, ASONAM 2023, Kusadasi, Turkey.