# Eashan Adhikarla

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## OBJECTIVE

To acquire a challenging research internship role utilizing my skills in Deep Learning, and Computer Vision.

#### EDUCATION

Lehigh University, **Ph.D.** in Computer Science (Machine Learning)

Aug 2020 - Present Bethlehem, PA, USA

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Lehigh University, **M.S.** in Computer Science

Aug 2018 - May 2020

Rajiv Gandhi Proudyogiki Vishwavidyalaya (RGPV),

**Bhopal, MP, India** Aug 2013 - May 2017

B.E. in Computer Science

#### PUBLICATIONS

• *B.Tierney, E.Dart, E.Kissel, E.Adhikarla*, Exploring the use of the BBRv2 Congestion Control Algorithm for use on Data Transfer Nodes

**SC INDIS**, 2021

• E.Adhikarla, B.D.Davison, Face Mask Detection in real-world Webcam Images

ACM GoodIT, 2021

• *E.Adhikarla, D.Luo, B.D.Davison*, Memory Defense: More Robust Classification via a Memory-Masking Autoencoder

arXiv, 2021

• *E.Adhikarla, B. Austin*, Estimating an HPC Facility's Capacity For Accommodating Real-time Workflows, Internship Thesis

**NERSC**, 2019

## EXPERIENCE

#### Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL)

Ph.D. Summer Intern (ESnet), (Supervisor: Dr. Ezra Kissel)

Berkeley, CA

June 2021 - Present

- Deployed a deep learning approach to automate the dynamic auto-tuning of pacing rate in DTNs
- Developed kernel level system & traffic control operations in DTNaaS docker container.
- Integrated a supporting tool that can dynamically visualize the elastic search data for real-time parameter optimization.

## **Lehigh University**

Peer Mentor, (Supervisor: Dr. Brian D. Davison)

Bethlehem, PA, USA

May 2020 - Aug 2020

- Led a session each week for 15 REU interns in one-to-one meetings, focusing on their conceptual understanding and development.
- Funded by NSF CNS-1757787

#### Resilience Research Group for SARS-CoV-2

Research Assistant, (Supervisor: Dr. Brian D. Davison)

Bethlehem, PA, USA

May 2020 - Aug 2020

- Image Gathering for face masks in the United States and designing a novel face-mask detection algorithm for a data science survey research on SARS-CoV-2.
- Funded by Lehigh Research Grants.

## Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL)

Research Intern (NERSC), (Supervisor: Dr. Brian Austin)

Berkeley, CA, USA

May 2019 - Aug 2019

- Developed scripts to fetch and analyze petabytes of data from the SLURM scheduler.
- Analyzed & estimated real-time queues in the scheduler for optimizing the policies for incoming jobs.
- Developed three real-time policies that potentially improved the allocation procedure.

## **Persistent Systems**

Pune, MH, India

Machine learning Intern, (Supervisor: Dr. Bhushan Garware)

June 2017 - Aug 2017

- Developed a facial recognition and verification system using Google's FaceNET research as the baseline which can directly learn from the 128x128 low dimensional representation.
- Added additional OpenCV features on top of it, which can differentiate between 3-D and 2-D images (a drawback of Google's FaceNET)
- Designed a purely browser-based RSA compliant module to work with FIDO keys.

#### ■ RESEARCH PROJECTS

## Memory Defense: More Robust Classification via a Memory-Masking Autoencoder

Aug 2020

- Designed a robust auto-encoder for detecting adversarial images to mitigate adversarial attacks in a machine learning model.
- Designed a close proximity approximation estimator which can distinguish between distinct and distance manifold from different classes.

#### Face-Mask Detection on real-world Webcam dataset

Feb 2021

- Successfully collected ~1010 Gb of public webcam data, by capturing image frames periodically from over 80 webcams across United States.
- Applied Coco-annotation semi-automated labelling to develop ground-truth labels.
- Re-implemented 4 state-of-the-art face detection algorithms for face detection & face mask detection to analyze their effectiveness in real-world dataset.
- Reported face mask usage across United States from Jun 23' 2020 to Feb 10' 2020.

## Sequence Generative Adversarial Nets with Policy Gradient

Jan 2020

- Seq-GAN is a unique approach which models the data generator as a stochastic policy in reinforcement learning to solve the problem with improvements in pre-processing.
- The RL reward signal comes from the GAN discriminator judged on a complete sequence, and is passed back to the intermediate state-action steps using Monte Carlo search.

## **Facial Recognition and Verification System**

Jan 2017

- Working with the accuracies and flaw removal strategies with re-implementation of Open-Face, for improving the range of applications in the domain of Security.
- Resolved the false positive 2-D inputs by introducing more features in Stage 1 (face detection) as: a.) Orientation Normalization b.) 3D surface representation.

#### PEER REVIEW

ACM SIGIR Conference on Research and Development in Information Retrieval

Spring 2021

• IEEE Big Data Conference

Fall 2020

#### SKILLS

Programming Languages

— C++, Python, Bash, Scala

Web Backend Technologies — MySql, MongoDB, NoSQL, HTML5.

Web Frontend Technologies — Pytorch, Tensorflow, OpenCV, dlib, Boost-C++, Cmake, scikit-learn, Docker,

Apache Spark MLlib, git, Latex

## TEACHING ASSISTANT

CSE 160 - Introduction to Data Science	Spring 2021
CSE 017 - Programming and Data Structures	Fall 2020
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CSE 160 - Introduction to Data Science	Spring 2019
CSE 001 - Breadth of Computing	Fall 2018

## ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- PC Rossin Fellowship, Lehigh University (Spring 2021)
- Awarded by Cognizant, for the **Outstanding Project Award** in Facial Recognition with Deep Neural Network (2016-17)
- Best Project Award by the Department of Computer Science in RGPV university for 'Physical Intrusion Detection System'
- Ranked among top 1 percentile in TESTimony'16 organised by Tata Consultancy Services. (2015)
- Awarded by H.C.Verma (Experimental Physicist): Winner of the National Level SCEECS'16: Quiz Competition organised by National Institute of Technology, Bhopal (MANIT). (2015)
- Awarded a Trophy from Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) for performance in English subject (2013)
- Presented a Abstract Paper on Shell-shock Vulnerability at National level technical symposium in Bhopal that explained about how the attack vector works, the risks involved and how to mitigate them.
- All India Rank 598 in International Maths-Science Olympiads (2007)