Omar Khan

Undergraduate · Computer Science + Crop Sciences

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EDUCATION

December 2021

B.S Computer Science + Crop Sciences

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

GPA: 3.56/4.0

Publications and Presentations

Conference and Journal Publications

 Mahmood, S., Zhao, M., Khan, O., Herman, G. L. (2020). Caches as an Example of Machine-gradable Exam Questions for Complex Engineering Systems. In Proceedings of the 49th ASEE/IEEE Frontiers in Education Conference, Uppsala, Sweden, Oct. 21-24. https://doi.org/10.1109/FIE44824.2020.9273822

Presentations

1. Deep, H., Huang, J., Dembi, R., **Khan, O.**, Angrave, L.. **Webcam Eye-Tracking Based Accessibility for ClassTranscribe.** Virtual poster presentation: Illinois Undergraduate Research Symposium 2021

Honors and Awards

November 2021

Nominee

Knights of St. Patrick

Annual award given by the Grainger College of Engineering to approximately 10-15 students who represent leadership, excellence in character, and exceptional contribution to the engineering and its students; one of the highest honors received by a student from the Grainger College of Engineering.

April 2021

Most Long-Term Social Impact

STANFORD OPEN DATATHON 2021

Co-authored a policy memo for open data on mental health services across UK universities; recognized by the Stanford Ethics, Society, and Technology Hub for its potential for the most long-term social impact and to be piloted at the University of Edinburgh

February 2021

Engineering Fellow Finalist

KLEINER PERKINS

Engineering Finalist for the Kleiner Perkins Fellowship, a venture capital firm that has been instrumental to the growth of promising startups across the San Francisco Bay Area

August 2020-present

The Climate Corporation Scholarship

THE CLIMATE CORPORATION

Awarded annually to a Computer Science + Crop Sciences student that demonstrates outstanding academic and extracurricular achievements

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

National Center for Supercomputing Applications – Research Assistant

Sept 2021-present

Advisors: Dr. Megan Dailey and Dr. Matthew Hudson

Urbana, IL

- Researching and developing a mobile app aimed to create a marketplace to provide food banks with the means to procure fresh produce from farmers at a reduced cost, acting as a delivery service similar to common food delivery applications, and aiming to reduce food waste and insecurity

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ORCHID Lab – Undergraduate Research Assistant

Jan-May 2021

Advisor: Dr. Brian P. Bailey

Urbana, IL

- Researched methodologies, technology, and visualizations to help individuals carry out better goal setting; the focus was primarily on proximal process goals (goals that are achievable in a short amount of time and involve specific processes)

- Investigated effects of anchoring and adjustment, social comparison, and prospect theory on goal setting and how we can create a system that allows users to overcome these psychological phenomena when setting goals

ClassTranscribe - Undergraduate Research Assistant

Jan-May 2021

Advisor: Dr. Lawrence C. Angrave

Urbana, IL

- Investigated the challenges of webcam-based eye tracking and a possible implementation of it in ClassTranscribe, an online lecture streaming and archiving platform at UIUC

Electrophysiology and Language Processing Lab - Data Analyst

Aug 2019-May 2020

Advisor: Dr. Jeffrey Green

CHAMPAIGN, IL

- Designed data representations and visualizations to better display post-experiment results and trends using Python, NumPy, and Pandas, facilitating more robust experimental procedures
- Aimed to understand how memory and language proficiency affect language interpretation and comprehension

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign - Undergraduate Research Assistant

May-Aug 2019

Advisor: Dr. Geoffrey L. Herman

Urbana, IL

- Designed and implemented a computerized, multi-part exam with another undergraduate student on pipelining and cache analysis for CS 233: Computer Architecture through UIUC's open-source exam distribution and testing environment, using Docker, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and Python

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Jul 2019-May 2021

CS 233: Computer Architecture – Course Assistant

Urbana, IL

- Maintained and developed course content (deployed new homework questions, assisted with plagiarism detection), taught a discussion and lab section of 25-30 students with a graduate teaching assistant, and held weekly office hours

Aug 2018-Dec 2019

CS 196-25: Freshman Honors – Course Assistant, Project Manager

Urbana, IL

- Led several groups of 4-7 students that work on a semester-long project of their choice, teaching them skills crucial in industry, such as thorough understanding of control flow, proper coding style, and communication

Aug 2018-May 2019

CS 125: Introduction to Computer Science – Course Assistant

Urbana, IL

- Facilitated bi-weekly office hours and facilitated a weekly 'Even More Practice' (EMP) session, aimed to provide additional help at a slower pace and reinforce fundamental concepts learned in the week's lecture

Professional Experience

May-Aug 2021

Viasat – Software Engineer Intern

Carlsbad, CA

- Jira Project Archiver: Designed and implemented a Slack + Jira integration using Python, SQLAlchemy, and Slack's Bolt SDK for seamless project management, archival of older initiatives, and increased automation of daily tasks

Jun-Aug 2020

L'Oreal USA – Software Engineer Extern

New York, NY

- Product Design: Collaborated with a team of 4 externs in a product design competition, implementing a data-driven solution to reduce the amount of plastic used in L'Oreal product packaging
- Technical Training: Completed training and gained greater familiarity with DevOps, machine learning, cloud architecture, enterprise architecture, UX design principles, and cybersecurity

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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

2021-present

Campus Co-Director and Head of Fundraising

THE PERCENTAGE PROJECT

- Co-leading the UIUC chapter of The Percentage Project, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to helping every person of every background embrace their diversity and feel a sense of belonging in the fields they pursue, especially computing and tech-oriented fields)

2021-present

Mentoring Co-Chair

Women in Computer Science

- Coordinate mentorship events and programs for incoming students in CS focused on course planning, extracurricular involvement, and academic support

2020-2021

Co-Founder and Outreach Chair

CS MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

- Outreach coordinator for a new mental health organization dedicated to spreading awareness about the importance of mental health in technology and the benefits of sparking dialogue about mental health and diversity in tech-related fields

2020-present

Projects and Workshops Curriculum Development Co-Lead

GIRLS WHO CODE

- Teach and lead workshops for 3rd-12th grade girls about introductory concepts in programming and web development (HTML/CSS, JavaScript)
- Co-leading curriculum development for Girls Who Code at UIUC, ideating new project, workshop, and assessment ideas for program participants

2018-2020

Content x Diversity Co-Chair

Reflections | Projections

- Facilitated a team of 15 students who reached out to leaders in industry and academia worldwide to speak about the impact that computing and technology has made in their respective fields

2019-2020

Co-Director

ILLINOIS COMPUTER SCIENCE SAIL

- Co-directed a team of 10 staff members to organize a day-long event for 500+ admitted and prospective students, introducing them to the Department of Computer Science at UIUC, and all of the opportunities available to them here as students
- Oversaw website and app development, marketing strategies, branding design, and external relations with 50+ high schools

2019-2021

Content x Diversity and, Experience Team

HACKILLINOIS

- Created main guidelines and events for 800+ attendees with a team of 15 students; served as a main point of contact for food vendors and event logistics

OUTREACH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Fall 2021-present

Mentee

GOOGLE CS RESEARCH MENTORSHIP PROGRAM (CSRMP)

- Supervised by a Ph.D recipient at Google, receiving advice on career paths with research, and tips to succeed in graduate school

SKILLS

Languages: Java, Python, JavaScript, Swift, C++, HTML, CSS, SQL, MongoDB, Neo4J Tools/Technologies: Git, Bash, Docker, Kubernetes, GitHub, GitLab, LaTeX, Xcode Libraries/Frameworks: SQLAlchemy, React, Flask, Matplotlib, NumPy, Pandas, NLTK, d3.js Project and Program Management: Scrum, Agile, Jira, Trello