# **ISTIAK AHMAD**

An enthusiastic, adaptive, fast-learning, and passionate researcher with a broad and acute interest in the field of natural language processing. I am looking for a PhD programme where I can collaborate, develop new skills, and solve new challenges.

## **ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION**

## M.Sc. in Computer Science

## King Abdulaziz University

Thesis: Machine and Deep Learning-Based Event Detection Methods and Applications to Enable Smarter Societies

Description: The thesis includes two cases:

- 1) Bangla news article classification using ML and DL algorithms with several word embedding methods. It also includes the auto-labelling methods of news articles using unsupervised topic modelling algorithms.
- 2) Online proctoring system using Bio-metric validation and object detection techniques.

C-GPA: 4.73 out of 5.00

## **B.Sc. in Computer Science & Engineering**

## **United International University**

Thesis: Cough Detection with Speech Analysis

Description: The thesis explores cough detection using audio recordings, with the ultimate objective of quantifying and validating the degree of pathology in cough illness patients.

C-GPA: 3.82 out of 4.00

# **Higher Secondary Certificate**

## Rajshahi Government City College

C-GPA: 5.00 out of 5.00

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#### Secondary School Certificate

#### **Masjid Mission Academy**

C-GPA: 5.00 out of 5.00

#### RESEARCH INTEREST

- Artificial Intelligence, Machine learning and Deep Learning
- Natural Language Processing, Topic Modelling, Sentiment Analysis, Text Summarization
- Image Processing, Object Detection

## **REVIEWING ACTIVITIES**

• IEEE Access, 2022

#### AWARDS AND HONORS

# Saudi Government Scholarship in Master's Program

## King Abdulaziz University

**i** Jan 2020 - Dec 2021

Jeddah, KSA

# Erasmus Mundus Scholarship under Clink Project in Bachelor Program

## **University Lumiere Lyon II**

Undergraduate Research Student (Exchange Program)

**Sep 2015 - Jul 2016** 

Lyon, France

#### **EXPERIENCE**

#### Instructor

#### **United International University**

Responsibilities: teaching, checking assignment, invigilator

Courses: Software Engineering Lab, Operating System Lab, System analysis & Design Lab, and Cloud

Computing

**d** Oct 2016 - Jan 2018

Dhaka, BD

## **Teaching Assistant**

## **United International University**

Responsibilities: teaching, checking assignment

Courses: Microprocessor, Micro controller and Interfacing Lab, and Operating System Lab

Feb 2015 - May 2015

Dhaka, BD

#### **Graduate Research Assistant**

## High Performance Computing Center, King Abdulaziz University

**i** Jan 2020 – Jan 2022

Jeddah, KSA

#### **Trainee Software Engineer**

#### **Era Info-Tech Limited**

Projects: Decision Support System, ChatBot

Team: AI and R&D

**i** Jan 2019 - Dec 2019

Dhaka, BD

## **Head of Information Technology**

## **Bangladesh Digital Education Research Limited**

**i** Jan 2018 - Dec 2018

Dhaka, BD

#### **CERTIFICATIONS**

Machine Learning Specialization by University of Washington

Certificate: Coursera

 Machine Learning A-Z: Hands on Python & R In Data Science Certificate: Udemy M220P: MongoDB for Python Developers

Certificate: MongoDB University

#### **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

Operating System: Linux, Windows

Programming Language: Python, R, MATLAB

Software: TeXstudio, PyCharm, Anaconda

## **RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS**

#### Journal Articles

- Ahmad, Istiak, AlQurashi, F., Abozinadah, E., & Mehmood, R. (2022a). Bangla news article classification using several word embedding techniques, machine learning, deep learning, and the potrika dataset (revision).
- Ahmad, Istiak, AlQurashi, F., Abozinadah, E., & Mehmood, R. (2022b). Deep journalism and deepjournal v1.0: A data-driven deep learning approach to discover parameters for transportation. Sustainability, 14(9). doi:10.3390/su14095711
- Ahmad, Istiak, AlQurashi, F., Abozinadah, E., & Mehmood, R. (2022e). Potrika: Raw and balanced newspaper datasets in the bangla language with eight topics and five attributes (revision).
- Ahmad, Istiak, AlQurashi, F., Abozinadah, E., & Mehmood, R. (2022f). Transfer learning for the detection of covid19, pneumonia, and tuberculosis from chest x-ray images (revision).
- Ahmad, Istiak, AlQurashi, F., Abozinadah, E., & Mehmood, R. (2021). A novel deep learning-based online proctoring system using face recognition, eye blinking, and object detection techniques. *International Journal of Advanced Com*puter Science and Applications, 12(10). doi:10.14569/ijacsa.2021.0121094

## Book Chapter

- Ahmad, Istiak, AlQurashi, F., Abozinadah, E., & Mehmood, R. (2022c). Navigation, trajectory planning, and trajectory following. Connecticut, USA: Springer, (Under Review).
- Ahmad, Istiak, AlQurashi, F., Abozinadah, E., & Mehmood, R. (2022d). Perception, sensors, and situation awareness.
  Connecticut, USA: Springer, (Under Review).

#### Conference Proceedings

• Maruf, N. A., Ahmad, Istiak, & Basuhail, A. (2022). Transfer learning approach for saudi riyal detection and recognition. In *IEEE international conference on electrical, computer & telecommunication engineering (ICECTE)* (Submitted).

#### **Datasets**

- Ahmad, Istiak, Abozinadah, E., Al Qurashi, F., & Mehmood, R. (2022a). Guardian transportation dataset (gt202201). doi:10.17632/yvxx6s5xhh.1
- Ahmad, Istiak, Abozinadah, E., Al Qurashi, F., & Mehmood, R. (2022b). Traffic technology today transportation dataset (ttit202201). doi:10.17632/k4bgjwktyp.1
- Ahmad, Istiak, Abozinadah, E., Al Qurashi, F., & Mehmood, R. (2022c). Web of science transportation dataset (wst202201). doi:10.17632/tnfw2dh5nj.1
- Ahmad, Istiak, Abozinadah, E., AlQurashi, F., & Mehmood, R. (2021). Potrika: Raw and balanced newspaper datasets in the bangla language with eight topics and five attributes. doi:10.17632/v362rp78dc.2

## **REFERENCES**

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