Vivek Kaushal

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Education IIIT, Hyderabad 2016-2021

B.TECH WITH MS IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Bachelor of Technology in Computer Science and Engineering with a Masters by Research. Primary area

of research being Decision Making. CGPA: 7.96

St.Michael's High School 2006-2016

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

High School Diploma in Sciences and Information Practices with 95.6%.

Interests Research: Decision Making • Behavioral Economics • Artificial Intelligence

Academics: Usability Engineering • Machine Learning • Game Theory • Software Engineering

Development: Shell Scripting • Full Stack and Mobile Development • Automation • Augmented Reality

Experience National Taiwan University, Taipei

May, 2019 - Present

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Worked under Professor Hendrik Rommeswinkel on two distinct projects: An exploration of virtual economics in computer based MMOG transactions to better understand the definition of a product, in contrast to assumptions of welfare economics; and a study on Freedom of Choice through statistical analysis using R on large-scale consumer data in US markets.

Cognitive Sciences Lab, IIIT-H

2017 - Present

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCHER

Research work and experimentation in the field of Risk and Decision Making under Dr.Kavita Vemuri. Presented results for of an experimental setup exploring Risk Propensity at the FUR Conference, University of York in June, 2018. Currently exploring further concepts in financial risk via experimentation and application of machine learning and data analysis.

IIIT Hyderabad

August, 2018 - April, 2019

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Accepted as a Teaching Assistant for the course Structured System Analysis and Design under Dr.Raghu Reddy owing to academic excellence in the course for Monsoon, 2018. Also accepted as a Teaching Assistant for Engineering Systems under Dr. KS Rajan for Spring, 2019. Workload for a TA involved teaching students, designing and grading assignments while also mentoring projects.

T-HubMARKET RESEARCH ANALYST

January, 2018 - February, 2019

T-Hub is Asia's largest start-up incubator. Wrote research papers on topics in technology, publications in reputed media outlets as well as in-house circulation for the start-up community. Topics varied from cross-domain market opportunities to deconstruction of implemented strategies. Valuation of all T-Hub start-ups based on provided economic parameters also undertaken.

Entrepreneurship Cell, IIIT-H

August, 2016 - April, 2019

OVERALL HEAD

Structured and curated a multi-tiered team of 30+ individuals. Started as the Head of Tech in 2016, was promoted to overall Head in April 2018. Launched multiple initiatives and established long-term collaborations with corporate and other institutions. Headed India's largest student-organized Hackathon - Megathon, ensured exponential growth, established a well-respected brand in three years.

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January, 2017 - April, 2017

AUGMENTED REALITY INTERN

Worked with Vuforia in Unity3D for development of production scale Augmented Reality Applications. Coded the application in C# using Unity3D with backend integration to Amazon Web Servers. Application developed used for ticketing platforms and cross-platform advertisement in real world scenarios.

Conferences

Foundation of Utility and Risk, 2018

UNIVERSITY OF YORK

Among the youngest presenters at the Foundation of Utility and Risk Conference in York, 2018. Presented a poster on Risk Propensity and its correlation with academic performance, net-worth and brand loyalty. A web-based game-like simulator was created to gauge financial decision-making. Publication Link: http://web2py.iiit.ac.in/research centres/publications/view publication/inproceedings/1541

Major Projects

Consumer Freedom Measure

2019

June, 2018

BIG DATA ANALYSIS USING R

Assisted the development of a data analysis codebase in R to draw inferences on a large-scale consumer behavior database that tracked 60,000+ US families' expenditure on goods over a period of 14 years. Besides development on the codebase, studied practical trends in data sciences and applied statistics.

Al Bot 2018

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN GAMES

An artificial intelligent agent was coded using custom heuristics and Alpha-Beta pruning on mini-max decision trees to play Utimate-Tic-Tac-Toe. The bot transversed decision trees and played moves that were best suited at a given point in the game as per the devised optimization algorithm.

Interactive Wall 2017

AUGMENTED REALITY BASED ADVERTISING

A standalone advertising platform was built for interactive real-world advertising. Support for android and iOS based devices was provided for interactive advertising using visual data-points parsed by Vuforia engine in Unity3D. Presently used by 20+ consumer focused companies.

2017 Terminal Shell

C/C++ BASED DEVELOPMENT

A custom terminal shell was coded in C++ based on the POSIX architecture with integrated syscalls. All common shell commands were had native support with syscalls used for less commonly used commands. An in-depth understanding of computer system architecture was gained in the process.

Custom SQL Engine 2018

PYTHON BASED DEVELOPMENT

A custom SQL Engine was coded in Python to replicate the functionality of MySQL with support for complex data queries given a database structure. The Project was done for the credited Database Systems course under Dr. PK Reddy.

Programming Skills

Day to Day: Python, JavaScript, Shell, Dart

Familiar: R, MySQL, C/C++, C#, Java, Django, CSS, Unity3D, React, Flutter

Operating Systems: OS X, Linux

Relevant Courses

Research Specific: Artificial Intelligence | Machine Learning | Game Design | Cognitive Neuroscience

Systems: Database Systems | Software Engineering | Engineering Systems

Foundation: Data Structures | Structured System Analysis and Design | Digital Logic

Achievements

Dean's Merit List for Research, III1 Hyderabad	2018
99.94 Percentile in JEE (Rank 994)	2016
National Talent Search Scholarship, Government of India	2015
Bronze Medallist at Regional Mathematics Olympiad	2016

Positions Held

2017-2019
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Volunteer Work

Event Volunteer at TEDx, Hyderabad 2016 Member at Tarumitra (UN recognized Environmental Conservation Body) 2014-2016