

# Kazi Shahrukh Omar

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## EDUCATION

### University of Illinois Chicago (UIC)

Aug 2021 - May 2026 (Expected)

Doctor of Philosophy, Computer Science, GPA(Current): 4.00/4.00

Advised by [Prof. Fabio Miranda](#)

### Military Institute of Science and Technology (MIST)

Feb 2015 - Aug 2019

Bachelor of Science, Computer Science and Engineering (CSE), GPA: 3.71/4.00

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Electronic Visualization Laboratory (EVL), University of Illinois Chicago (UIC)

**Research Assistant** (Advisor: [Prof. Fabio Miranda](#))

Aug 2021 - Present

- Research on visualization & visual analytics, big data analysis, and applied machine learning.
- Developing visual analytics systems for urban and healthcare domains.
- Client requirement gathering, prototyping and design, development, evaluation.

### Solution Arts Ltd

**Software Development Intern**

Nov 2017 - Dec 2017

- Designed database schema for a hotel management system.
- Frontend development of the system.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Programming Languages:** Python, C/C++, JavaScript, TypeScript, Java, R, MATLAB, Shell Scripting, Cython.
- **Web:** React, Angular, Flask, HTML, CSS, Bootstrap.
- **Mobile App Development:** React Native, Android Studio.
- **Data Visualization:** d3.js, three.js, Vega-lite, WebGL, Matplotlib, Seaborn, Plotly, Shiny.
- **Data Processing:** NumPy, Pandas, Dask, SciPy.
- **Geodata Processing:** Geopandas, Osmium, Overpass, PlotOptiX, Pyrosm, Shapely, Spatialpandas, Rasterio.
- **Machine Learning:** scikit-learn, TensorFlow, Keras, PyTorch, nltk.
- **Other Skills:** Version control - Git, Latex/Overleaf.

## PUBLICATIONS

**K.S. Omar**, S. Wang, R. Kungummaraju, T. Bhatt and F. Miranda, "VIGMA: The Visual Gait and Motion Analytics Framework", *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics*, 2024. [[Under Review](#)]

S. Wang, **K.S. Omar**, F. Miranda and T. Bhatt, "Automatic gait event detection in older adults during perturbed walking", *Journal of NeuroEngineering and Rehabilitation*, 2024. [[Under Review](#)]

**K.S. Omar**, G. Moreira, D. Hodczak, M. Hosseini, M. Lage and F. Miranda, "Deep Umbra: A Global-Scale Conditional Generative Adversarial Approach for Sunlight Access and Shadow Accumulation in Urban Spaces", *IEEE Transactions on Big Data*, 2024. [[pdf](#)]

**K.S. Omar**, G. Moreira, D. Hodczak, M. Hosseini and F. Miranda, "Crowdsourcing and Sidewalk Data: A Preliminary Study on the Trustworthiness of OpenStreetMap Data in the US", *ASSETS'22 UrbanAccess Workshop*, 2024. [[pdf](#)]

**K.S. Omar**, M.N. Islam, and N.S. Khan, "Exploring Tree-Based Machine Learning Methods to Predict Autism Spectrum Disorder", *Neural Engineering Techniques for Autism Spectrum Disorder*, vol (1), pp 165–183. Academic Press, 2021.

**K.S. Omar**, A. Anjum, T. Oannahary, R.K. Rizvi, D. Shahrin, T.T. Anannya, S.N. Tumpa, M.M. Karim, M.N. Islam and F. Rabbi, "An Intelligent Assistive Tool for Alzheimer's Patient", *The 1st International Conference on Advances in Science, Engineering and Robotics Technology (ICASERT)*, 2019. [[pdf](#)]

**K.S. Omar**, P. Mondal, N.S. Khan, M.R.K. Rizvi, M.N. Islam, "A machine learning approach to predict autism spectrum disorder", *International Conference on Electrical, Computer and Communication Engineering (ECCE)*, 2019. [[pdf](#)]

## PROJECTS

<b><u>Decision Support Tools for Sustainable Urban Planning &amp; Public Health</u></b> <i>Graduate Research Project, UIC</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Developing a visualization tool for urban planning, transportation, and public health.</li><li>- Designing a flexible framework adaptable to diverse scenarios.</li></ul>	<i>Aug 2024 - Present</i>
<b><u>Visual Gait and Motion Analysis</u></b> <i>Graduate Research Project, UIC</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Developed VIGMA, an open-access visual analytics system for gait and motion analysis.</li><li>- Validated analytical tool through usage scenarios performed with experts.</li></ul>	<i>Jan 2023 - Jul 2024</i>
<b><u>Bi-GRU Model for Automatic Gait Event Detection</u></b> <i>Graduate Research Project, UIC</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Developed a Bi-GRU model for automatic gait event detection using marker, angle, and GRF data.</li><li>- Illustrated kinematic methods are more effective than traditional GRF based methods.</li></ul>	<i>Jul 2023 - Jun 2024</i>
<b><u>Navigating Large Dining Hall Spaces Considering Dietary Restrictions</u></b> <i>HCI Class Group Project, UIC</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Built a React Native app for students with dietary restrictions at UIC.</li><li>- Received positive feedback from user testing and developed further improvements.</li></ul>	<i>Aug 2023 - Dec 2023</i>
<b><u>Generative Model for Global Sunlight Access and Shadows</u></b> <i>Graduate Research Project, UIC</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Developed Deep Umbra, a generative adversarial network to quantify shadows.</li><li>- A method 6x faster compared to the state-of-the-art shadow computation techniques.</li><li>- A dataset for 100+ cities, showing the model's low RMSE across urban contexts.</li></ul>	<i>May 2022 - Aug 2023</i>
<b><u>Trustworthiness of OpenStreetMap (OSM) Sidewalk Data in US</u></b> <i>Graduate Research Project, UIC</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Conducted a preliminary study on the availability and trustworthiness of sidewalk data in US cities.</li><li>- Developed a trustworthiness index using historical OSM data.</li></ul>	<i>Jul 2022 - Sep 2022</i>
<b><u>COVID-19 Impact Analysis in Chicago Neighborhoods</u></b> <i>Data Science Class Group Project, UIC</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Modeled COVID-19 impact in Chicago neighborhoods using socioeconomic data.</li><li>- Built a Random Forest model predicting COVID-19 death rates.</li><li>- Training error rate of 0.29 and a test error rate of 0.78 deaths per thousand people.</li></ul>	<i>Jan 2022 - May 2022</i>
<b><u>Chicago Taxi Ridership Visualization Tool</u></b> <i>Visual Analytics Class Group Project, UIC</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Developed a tool to visualize 2019 Chicago taxi ridership trends.</li><li>- Optimized for large screens at UIC's EVL lab.</li><li>- Filtering options by area, taxi company, and time, revealing ridership patterns.</li></ul>	<i>Jan 2022 - May 2022</i>
<b><u>Mobility-Flow Query Approximation using NeuralCubes</u></b> <i>Graduate Research Project, UIC</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Developed in-memory model to accurately approximate mobility-flow queries.</li><li>- Achieved under 2% error in approximation with a minimal memory footprint of 114 KB.</li></ul>	<i>Aug 2021 - Dec 2021</i>
<b><u>Autism Spectrum Disorder Prediction Model and Mobile Application</u></b> <i>Bachelor's Thesis, MIST</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Developed a novel random forest model to classify autism traits across all ages.</li><li>- Achieved 92%+ accuracy with the AQ-10 dataset and developed a mobile app.</li><li>- Evaluated the model on both AQ-10 and real-world datasets.</li></ul>	<i>Mar 2018 - Feb 2019</i>
<b><u>IoT-based Assistive Tool for Alzheimer's Patients</u></b> <i>Bachelor's Research Project, MIST</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Proposed an assistive tool and mobile app for Alzheimer's patients and caregivers.</li><li>- Supports health monitoring, medication reminders, item tracking, and location monitoring.</li><li>- Conducted a study with 15 participants, showing the system's effectiveness and usability.</li></ul>	<i>Feb 2018 - July 2018</i>

## TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

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- **Crowdsourcing and Sidewalk Data: A Preliminary Study on the Trustworthiness of OpenStreetMap Data in the US,** *Sep 2022*  
Paper presented at ASSETS'22 Workshop on The Future of Urban Accessibility.
- **Visual Analytics Approaches for Facilitating Explainability of Graph Neural Network,** *Feb 2023*  
Ph.D. Qualifier Exam.

## SERVICES

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- Paper reviewer for PacificVis 2024, EuroVis 2023-2024, IEEE VIS 2022-2024. *2022, 2023, 2024*
- Volunteer for CAVE3 demos hosted by EVL, UIC. *2023, 2024*
- Vice President of Media of Bangladeshi Student Association at UIC. *2022 - 2023*
- IEEE VIS Satellite Event volunteer. Held at EVL, UIC. *2021*
- Class Representative, Department of CSE at MIST. *2018*

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- Merit Scholarship for academic performance, Military Institute of Science and Technology *2018*
- Dean's List (two consecutive years), Military Institute of Science and Technology *2016, 2017*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) – Chicago, IL

**Teaching Assistant** (CS 422: User Interface Design and Programming) *Jan 2024 - May 2024*  
Course Instructor: Prof. Andruid Kerne

**Teaching Assistant** (CS 424: Visualization and Visual Analytics) *Aug 2023 - Dec 2023*  
Course Instructor: Prof. Fabio Miranda **& Aug 2022 - Dec 2022**

**Teaching Assistant** (CS 425: Computer Graphics) *Jan 2022 - May 2022*  
Course Instructor: Prof. Fabio Miranda

### Uttara University - Dhaka, Bangladesh

**Lecturer** *Jul 2019 – Jun 2021*

Courses Taught: Discrete Mathematics - Computer Peripheral, Interfacing and Maintenance - Digital Logic Design - Computer Graphics - Object Oriented Programming - Design and Analysis of Algorithms - Data Structures