

# MEHIL SHAH

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## EDUCATION

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### Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science and Engineering

January 2023 - Present

Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS

*Doctoral Advisors: Dr. Masud Rahman & Dr. Foutse Khomh*

*CGPA: 4.25/4.3*

### Bachelor of Technology in Computer Science and Engineering

August 2016 - July 2020

Manipal University Jaipur, Jaipur, *CGPA: 3.824 (9.56/10.0)*

## RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

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1. **Shah, M. B.**, Rahman, M. M., & Khomh, F. (2024). 'Towards Enhancing the Reproducibility of Deep Learning Bugs: An Empirical Study', arXiv preprint arXiv:2401.03069. (*Accepted by Empirical Software Engineering (EMSE)*)
2. **Shah, M. B.**, Kaistha, M. and Gupta Y., 'Student Performance Assessment and Prediction System using Machine Learning,' 2019 4th International Conference on Information Systems and Computer Networks (ISCON), Mathura, India, 2019, pp. 386-390, doi: 10.1109/ISCON47742.2019.9036250.
3. Jahan, S., **Shah, M. B.**, & Rahman, M. M. (2024). 'Towards Understanding the Challenges of Bug Localization in Deep Learning Systems.' arXiv preprint arXiv:2402.01021. (*Under Major Revision at EMSE*)

## POSTER PRESENTATIONS

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1. **Mehil B. Shah**, M. Masudur Rahman, and Foutse Khomh. 2024, *Poster: Towards Enhancing the Reproducibility of Deep Learning Bugs: An Empirical Study*, SEMLA, Montreal, Canada.
2. Sigma Jahan, **Mehil B. Shah**, and M. Masudur Rahman. 2024, *Poster: Towards Understanding the Challenges of Bug Localization in Deep Learning Systems*, SEMLA, Montreal, Canada.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Dalhousie University

Jan. 2023 - Present

*Research & Teaching Assistant*

- Currently working with **Dr. Masud Rahman** and **Dr. Foutse Khomh** in the area of bug reproducibility and bug localization for deep learning bugs.
- Working as a research assistant in the **RAISE Lab**, I primarily focus on research concerning deep learning bugs at the intersection of Software Engineering and Deep Learning.
- Teaching Experience: Served as a teaching assistant and marker for the courses *CSCI x691: Project Courses*, *CSCI 3130: Software Engineering* *CSCI5308: Advanced Topics in Software Development*, and *CSCI6409: Process of Data Science*.

### Accenture

Aug. 2020 - Dec. 2022

*Software Engineer*

- Utilized technologies like **Java**, **Node.js**, **Spring**, **NestJS** and **Angular** to build products for Deutsche Bank's flagship project **Unity**, which is estimated to save **300M\$** in revenue for the bank.
- Developed a secure and scalable SMS Verification system for Deutsche Bank's retail division's critical products using **Node.js** and **Hazelcast**, which allowed the client to stay compliant with court orders, potentially saving **4M\$** in fines
- Responsible for designing, developing, and maintaining backend systems for products like Account Opening & Self-Services, used by more than **2M** people worldwide.

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

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- Received a fully-funded (including fees and living expenses) admission to the prestigious Ph.D. Program in Dalhousie University's Faculty of Computer Science, total scholarship amount: **108,000 CAD (4 Years)**
- Received various client appreciation awards for Client Value Creation, Outstanding Dependability, and fast-track promotion to **Analyst** for exemplary work and outstanding deliverables.
- Awarded the **TMA Pai Merit Scholarship** (50% Fee Waiver) during the entire tenure of undergraduate studies for scoring a 4868 Rank in the qualifying exams plus 95.6% in AISSCE.

## PROJECTS

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### Understanding the Impact of Data Bugs in Software Engineering Research

*Research Project, Dalhousie University*

*Jan. 2024 - June 2024*

- Conducted an empirical study investigating the impact of data quality issues and missing preprocessing operations on deep learning models across three prevalent data types in software engineering research (code-based, text-based, and metric-based).
- Leveraged advanced explainable AI techniques including attention analysis, t-SNE visualizations, and GradCAM to gain insights into model behavior and the effects of data bugs on internal representations and decision-making.
- Identified critical impacts including biased model behavior, inconsistent learning, reduced pattern recognition, gradient instability, initialization errors, distorted feature extraction, and overfitting when models are trained on low-quality or improperly preprocessed data.
- Quantified the effects of label noise, concept drift, class imbalance, and missing preprocessing through statistical analysis of model parameters, highlighting the importance of continuous data quality monitoring and robust preprocessing pipelines.

### Towards Enhancing the Reproducibility of DL Bugs

*Research Project, Dalhousie University*

*June 2023 - Aug. 2023*

- Conducted empirical study analyzing deep learning bugs to identify key edit actions and information needed to reproduce bugs.
- Utilized Apriori algorithm to analyze study data and determine specific edit actions and critical information associated with reproducing different bug types.
- Defined bug-specific edit actions and critical information to improve deep learning bugs' reproducibility.
- Work published in **Empirical Software Engineering Journal** (Oct, 2024)

### Impact of Deep Learning Bugs on Siamese Neural Network

*Research Project, Dalhousie University*

*Jan. 2023 - May 2023*

- Conducted an empirical study to comprehensively understand three common bugs (data bugs, initialization bugs, and logic bugs) in Siamese Neural Networks.
- Provided valuable insights for future research, focusing on automated bug localization and bug reproduction in deep learning bugs.

### Quantum Computation Algorithms as efficient solution to Optimization Problems

*B.Tech Final Year Project, ISRO Bengaluru*

*Jan. 2020 - May 2020*

- Worked with Dr. Yogesh Prasad to develop a novel algorithm to solve one of the 21 Karp's NP-complete problems, MaxCut, using Quantum Computing.
- Implemented Quantum Approximation in addition to basic statistical techniques using Single Parameter and Double Parameter Optimization to estimate the MaxCut Interval
- Predicted the MaxCut Interval and value with an average accuracy of nearly 91%, which is slightly better than the existing approximation algorithms.

### Student Performance Assessment & Prediction System using Machine Learning

*B.Tech Minor Project, Manipal University, Jaipur*

*Jan. 2019 - May 2019*

- Worked with Dr. Yogesh Gupta to create a Student Performance Assessment and Prediction System which predicts the student's performance and grades while keeping in mind other essential personality factors like interests, attributes, and opinions (IAO variables) which affect their lifestyle.

- Research findings of the project were presented at ISCON 2019, an IEEE Conference co-sponsored by **IEEE UP Section** and **DRDO**

## INTERNSHIPS

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- **Indian Space Research Organization** (Jan 2020 - May 2020): Developed a novel algorithm using the Quantum Approximation Optimization Algorithm to predict the value of MaxCut based on graph structure, yielding an accuracy of 91.7%.
- **School of Information Sciences, Manipal University** (June 2019 - July 2019): Underwent training on full stack development and built a capstone project using Angular & Spring Boot.
- **Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd.** (May 2018 - June 2018): Learnt about the fundamental concepts of technical analysis of financial markets and implemented the real-time analysis of stocks on the technical indicators using Python.

## PROGRAMMING SKILLS

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- **Languages:** C, C++, Java, Python, HTML, CSS, Javascript.
- **Frameworks:** Bootstrap, Angular, Node.js, NestJS, Express, JUnit, Mockito, Spring Boot.
- **Database Technologies:** MySQL
- **DevOps:** Linux Fundamentals & Scripting, Git, NPM, Maven, Teamcity, Jenkins, Docker, Kubernetes.

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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- Organizing Committee – SANER 2025 (Web Co-Chair)
- Program Committee Member – MSR 2024 (Junior PC Member)
- Subreviewer (Conferences + Journals) – **ICSE 2025**, **FSE 2025**, **ASE 2024**, **FSE 2024** (Research Track + Artifact Track), **ICSE 2024** (Demo Track), SANER 2024, **ASE 2023** (Tool Track), **TOSEM**, JSS.

## REFERENCES

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