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RESEARCH INTERESTS I WAS NOT SMART BRAVE ENOUGH TO EXPLORE

Human cognition

EDUCATION

Sadly I did not apply to the higher ranked schools at Masters or Ph.D. Pretty sure would've been rejected from a lot of places even if I applied.

JOB

- **Summer Research Internship, Google** 2019 -
Failed the interview over phone.
- **Management Trainee, Pathao** 2018 -
Funny story. Went there thinking they were taking exam for the data analyst position. I was excited about just the thought of working at a company like Pathao where I could do a lot of things with data and make visible impact. But after going there, I surprisingly found out it was an interview for the management trainee position (I should give more attention to emails). Funny thing is I passed the first two rounds, and obviously failed the third round.
- **Research Assistant, EEE BUET** 2018 -
There was a well paid research assistant position open at my department after my graduation for a government funded project. I applied, attended the interview, and they did not take me.
- **Deep Learning Engineer, Gaze Technology** 2018 -
It was a Bangladeshi startup. I applied right before graduation. The coding test went well. Did the interview. But didn't hear back from them. It took me a while to realize it was my first job rejection.

COURSES

- **BSc:** Electronics I (C+), Solid State Devices (C+), VLSI I (C+), Energy Conversion II (B-), Power System I (B-)

PUBLICATIONS

- **IEEE International Conference on Image Processing (ICIP)** 2020
Got rejected. I thank God every night for the rejection. It was a shit paper I wrote. The worst thing is its not even a top conference. I vowed never to submit unfinished works again.
- **IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics and Security** 2018 - 2019
Got rejected thrice from this journal for two different papers. It became personal after the second rejection that we had to submit third time again. Haha. One of the co-authors almost lost his mind when we were discussing whether we should submit again for the 4th time. But the papers significantly improved, thanks to these rejections and the reviewers.

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Vanier Scholarship** 2021
I couldn't believe seeing the rejection. Was sad for almost one whole hour.
- **Ontario Graduate Scholarships** 2020
Rejected. I was sad for quite some time after this (needed money at that point thanks to the high tuition fee of uWindsor). So I just assumed the system was rigged.
- **IEEE Signal Processing Cup 2018** 2017-2018
I was in my undergrad. We worked hard and were close. Had to be in top 3 (among undergrad teams) but ended up at 4th position. A scandalous thing happened too. We were at 23rd position in the accompanying kaggle competition leaderboard. But we got removed from the leaderboard as everyone from our team had their own account, submitting their own predictions. There was a limit of 5 predictions in a day from a team.
- **Math, Science, and Physics Olympiad** 2009-2013
Never got the chance to be in the national team of these Olympiads to participate at international level.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- **Vice President of Academic Affairs, GSS UBC** 2021
Got only 1 vote out of 15 voters.

- **Online Courses:**

2019-

I have around 20 courses I need to do but not doing for some weird reason.