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Education

Present Aug 2025	The University of Texas at Austin PhD, Computer Science Advisor: Prof. Aditya Akella Area: Systems for Machine Learning.	Austin, USA
Jun 2020 Jul 2016	Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati Bachelor of Technology, Computer Science and Engineering (GPA 9.32/10.0)	Guwahati, India

Experience

Jun 2025 Jul 2023	Microsoft Research <i>Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow</i> Mentors: Dr. Ramachandran Ramjee , Dr. Jayashree Mohan , and Dr. Ashish Panwar Built techniques and tooling to optimize large-scale LLM inference, focusing on low latency, high throughput, deployment optimization and load balancing.	Bengaluru, India
Jun 2023 Jan 2023	Zeta <i>Senior Software Development Engineer Mentor: Dharmendra Patel</i> Drove the stability and scalability of Zeta's web platform, successfully delivering it to the company's biggest clients in India (HDFC Bank - India's largest private bank) and the US (FIS). Designed and implemented a Kubernetes Operator to automate the deployment of web apps, piloting an org-wide initiative that reduced bank onboarding time from months to days.	Bengaluru, India
Dec 2022 Jul 2021	<i>Software Development Engineer II Mentor: Apurva Jaiswal</i> Led the design and development of Zeta's API Playground, adopted by 116 internal services. This became a primary resource for all API documentation and is used to showcase the company's API-enabled stack at industry festivals and client demos.	
Jun 2021 Jul 2020	<i>Software Development Engineer I Mentor: Apurva Jaiswal</i> Developed a frontend application for the internal Pub-Sub service, gaining valuable experience with Zeta's web platform. Subsequently, contributed to the platform by building new features and resolving bugs.	
May 2020 Aug 2019	IIT Guwahati <i>Undergraduate Researcher Mentor: Prof. Moumita Patra</i> Designed a leader election and task allocation scheme for resource-sharing in vehicular clouds, an emerging paradigm. Developed a simulator to validate the technique.	Guwahati, India
Jul 2019 May 2019	Flipkart <i>Software Development Intern Mentor: Sachin Arya</i> Developed the Reports module for Flipkart's Ads web app.	Bengaluru, India

Publications

Taming Throughput-Latency Tradeoff in LLM Inference with Sarathi-Serve [pdf] [code] [demo] [OSDI'24] Amey Agrawal, Nitin Kedia , Ashish Panwar, Jayashree Mohan, Nipun Kwatra, Bhargav S. Gulavani, Alexey Tumanov, and Ramachandran Ramjee Published in the 18th USENIX Symposium on Operating Systems Design and Implementation, 2024
Vidur: A Large Scale Simulation Framework For LLM Inference [pdf] [code] [MLSys'24] Amey Agrawal, Nitin Kedia , Jayashree Mohan, Ashish Panwar, Nipun Kwatra, Bhargav S. Gulavani, Ramachandran Ramjee, and Alexey Tumanov Published in the 7th Annual Conference on Machine Learning and Systems, 2024
On Evaluating Performance of LLM Inference Serving Systems [pdf] [Preprint'25] Amey Agrawal, Nitin Kedia , Anmol Agarwal, Jayashree Mohan, Nipun Kwatra, Souvik Kundu, Ramachandran Ramjee, and Alexey Tumanov

Selected Projects

API Playground

Jan'22 - Dec'22

Engineering Project at Zeta

- Built both the backend and frontend for a system where 100+ microservices publish OpenAPI specs from annotated code on every release, forming a central repository for all company APIs.
- Enabled creation of multiple product-specific frontends (e.g., Credit Cards, Core Banking) using the same backend, each allowing users to explore and run APIs directly from the browser.
- Initiated the project and mentored four engineers to contribute features and drive adoption across product teams.

Hercules - Zeta's Web Platform

July'20 - Jun'23

Engineering Project at Zeta

- Scaled and maintained the platform used by 50 engineers daily to develop, test, and deploy enterprise web apps.
- The platform serves 78+ applications across hundreds of urls from the same set of microservices providing authentication, session management, assets, and monitoring.

Talks And Posters

Taming Throughput-Latency Trade-off in LLM Inference with Sarathi-Serve

- Talk and poster at OSDI [📄]

July 2024 (Santa Clara, California, USA)

- Poster at Microsoft Research Academic Summit [📄]

Jun 2024 (Bengaluru, India)

Vidur: A Large-Scale Simulator For LLM Inference Systems

- Poster at MLSys [📄]

May 2024 (Santa Clara, California, USA)

- Talk at Microsoft Research Academic Summit [📄]

Jun 2024 (Bengaluru, India)

- Talk at LDOS Symposium

Nov 2025 (Austin, USA)

vLLM Code Walkthrough

- Talk at AI Infrastructure Reading Group, Microsoft Research India [📄]

Jan 2024 (Bengaluru, India)

Awards and Achievements

Dean's Strategic Fellowship, College of Natural Sciences, UT Austin, 2025 Awarded two years of fellowship.

USENIX OSDI Diversity Grant, 2024 To co-present our talk and poster at the conference.

Awards at Zeta

- Recognised as an **Outstanding Performer twice (2022 and 2021)** in annual performance reviews for consistently exceeding expectations in technical contributions and project delivery.
- Received the **The Mountain Mover award in Q3 2022** for proactively stabilising the static assets serving infrastructure, which had previously caused high-severity incidents, significantly improving system reliability.
- **Ultimate Team award recipient in Q2 2022** for successfully delivering the entire web platform in a standalone installation for its biggest client, meeting strict security requirements within a short timeframe.
- **Ultimate Team award recipient in Q4 2021** for rapidly delivering significant architectural improvements to the API Playground, culminating in a successful demo at a key industry festival.

Institute Merit-cum-Means Scholarship, IIT Guwahati, 2016-20 Recipient of university's scholarship, waiving off 100% of the tuition fee.

Top 7.4% Globally in Competitive Programming

- **Codeforces: Achieved a rating of 1852 (92.58th Percentile)**, competing in 49 programming contests which routinely break 10k participants [📄]
- **Google Kickstart 2019: Ranked 122 globally in Round H** of this contest series among 2100 candidates.

IIT Joint Entrance Examination (Advanced), 2016 Achieved **All India Rank 601** among 1.2 million candidates.

Service

Team Development at Zeta

- Took over **100 problem solving interviews** (Data Structures and Algorithms).
- Mentored and onboarded **5 new joiners** including an intern who secured a full-time offer.

Site Reliability Engineering

- Served as **on-call for 18 weeks** at Zeta, solving incidents, issues and queries from both internal and external customers.