

# Prashant Pandey

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Google Scholar**

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

**University of Utah**, Salt Lake City, UT

August 2022 - Present

*Assistant Professor*

**VMware Research**, Palo Alto, CA

August 2021 - July 2022

*Research Scientist*

**TIBCO Inc.**, Pune, India

July 2011 - June 2013

*Software Developer, Cloud Platform*

## EDUCATION

**UC Berkeley/Berkeley Lab**, Berkeley, CA

December 2019 - July 2021

*Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Computational Research Division*

*Advisors: Prof. Kathy Yelick & Prof. Aydin Buluc*

**Carnegie Mellon University**, Pittsburgh, PA

December 2018 - November 2019

*Postdoctoral Associate, School of Computer Science*

*Advisor: Prof. Carl Kingsford*

**Stony Brook University**, Stony Brook, NY

August 2013 - December 2018

*Ph.D. Computer Science*

*Advisors: Prof. Michael Bender & Prof. Rob Johnson*

**University of Pune**, Pune, India

August 2007 - June 2011

*Bachelor of Engineering (BE), Information Technology*

## INTERNSHIPS

**Google**, Manhattan, NY

May 2017 - August 2017

*Research Intern, Google Spanner*

**Google**, Kirkland, WA

May 2016 - August 2016

*Research Intern, Google Cloud Infrastructure*

**Intel Labs**, Portland, OR

May 2015 - August 2015

*Research Intern, Security and Privacy Lab*

**Intel Labs**, Portland, OR

May 2014 - August 2014

*Research Intern, Security and Privacy Lab*

## AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- **IEEE CS TCHPC Early Career Researchers Award for Excellence in High Performance Computing [SC 2023]** 2023
- **Catacosinos Fellowship** for the most impactful research at SBU 2018
- **Best Paper Award** FAST 2016 2016
- **Runner's Up to Best Paper** FAST 2015 2015
- A Special CS Department Chair Fellowship, Stony Brook University 2013
- **University Rank Holder**, University of Pune 2011
- Ranked 1st in my college and 7<sup>th</sup> across the University (~ 2000 students)
- **Academic Excellence Scholarship**, University of Pune. 2009, 2010, 2011
- **Travel Fellowships**  
FAST 2015, FAST 2016, SIGMOD 2017, ISMB 2017, AlgoPARC 2017, RECOMB 2018, ESA 2018, Dagstuhl 2019

## FUNDING

**NSF: CAREER: Practical Adaptive Filters and Applications**

June 2024 [Expected]

Role: PI (Award recommended. Award number pending.)

Utah portion: \$607,746

**DOE: Exascale Computing Project: High Performance GPU Filters**  
Role: Utah PI (Joint with UC Berkeley/Lawrence Berkeley National Lab)  
Utah portion: \$250,000

October 2022

CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

**IONIA: Efficient Replication for SSD-based Write-Optimized KV Stores** *FAST 2024*  
Yi Xu, Henry Zhu, **Prashant Pandey**, Alex Conway, Rob Johnson, Ramnatthan Alagappan, Aishwarya Ganesan

**Gallatin: A vEB Tree-Based GPU Memory Manager** *PPOPP 2024*  
Hunter McCoy, **Prashant Pandey**

**BP-tree: Overcoming the Point-Range Operation Tradeoff for In-Memory B-trees** *VLDB 2023*  
Helen Xu, Amanda Li, Brian Wheatman, Manoj Marneni, **Prashant Pandey**

**IcebergHT: High Performance Hash Tables Through Stability and Low Associativity** *SIGMOD 2023*  
**Prashant Pandey**, Michael Bender, Alex Conway, Martin Farach-Colton, William Kuszmaul, Guido Tagliavini, Rob Johnson

**High-Performance Filters for GPUs** *PPOPP 2023*  
Hunter McCoy, Steven Hofmeyr, Katherine Yelick, **Prashant Pandey**

**Communication Optimization for Distributed Execution of Graph Neural Networks** *IPDPS 2023*  
Süreyya Emre Kurt, Jinghua Yan, Aravind Sukumaran-Rajam, **Prashant Pandey**, P. Sadayappan

**Singleton Sieving: Overcoming the Memory/Speed Trade-Off in Exascale  $k$ -mer Analysis** *ACDA 2023*  
Hunter McCoy, Steven Hofmeyr, Katherine Yelick, **Prashant Pandey**

**Distance and Time Sensitive Filters for Similarity Search in Trajectory Datasets** *APOCS 2023*  
Madhav Narayan Bhat, Paul Cesaretti, Mayank Goswami, **Prashant Pandey**

**Terrace: A Hierarchical Graph Container for Skewed Dynamic Graphs** *SIGMOD 2021*  
**Prashant Pandey**, Brian Wheatman, Helen Xu, Aydin Buluc

**Vector Quotient Filters: Overcoming the Time/Space Trade-Off in Filter Design** *SIGMOD 2021*  
**Prashant Pandey**, Alex Conway, Joe Durie, Michael Bender, Martin Farach-Colton, Rob Johnson

**Distributed-Memory  $k$ -mer Counting on GPUs** *IPDPS 2021*  
Israt Nisa, **Prashant Pandey**, Marquita Ellis, Leonid Olikier, Aydin Buluc, Katherine Yelick

**Timely Reporting of Heavy Hitters using External Memory** *SIGMOD 2020*  
**Prashant Pandey**, Shikha Singh, Michael A. Bender, Jonathan W. Berry, Martin Farach-Colton, Rob Johnson, Thomas M. Kroege, Cynthia A. Phillips

**An Efficient, Scalable, and Exact Representation of High-Dimensional Color Information Enabled Using de Bruijn Graph Search** *RECOMB 2019*  
Fateme Almodaresi, **Prashant Pandey**, Michael Ferdman, Rob Johnson, Rob Patro

**Locality Sensitive Hashing for the Edit Distance** *ISMB 2019*  
Guillaume Marçais, Dan DeBlasio, **Prashant Pandey**, and Carl Kingsford

**\*Small Refinements to the DAM Can Have Big Consequences for Data-Structure Design** *SPAA 2019*  
Michael A. Bender, Alex Conway, Martin Farach-Colton, William Jannen, Yizheng Jiao, Rob Johnson, Eric Knorr, Sara McAllister, Nirjhar Mukherjee, **Prashant Pandey**, Donald E. Porter, Jun Yuan, Yang Zhan

**\*Buffered Count-Min Sketch on SSD: Theory and Experiments** *ESA 2018*  
Mayank Goswami, Dzejla Medjedovic, Emina Mekic, **Prashant Pandey**

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Author names in alphabetical order. I am lead author.

**Mantis: A Fast, Small, and Exact Large-Scale Sequence-Search Index** *RECOMB 2018*  
Prashant Pandey, Fatemeh Almodaresi, Michael A. Bender, Michael Ferdman, Rob Johnson, and Rob Patro

**deBGR: An Efficient and Near-Exact Representation of the Weighted de Bruijn Graph** *ISMB 2017*  
Prashant Pandey, Michael A. Bender, Rob Johnson, and Rob Patro

**Rainbowfish: A Succinct Colored de Bruijn Graph Representation** *WABI 2017*  
Fateme Almodaresi, Prashant Pandey, and Rob Patro

**A General-Purpose Counting Filter: Making Every Bit Count** *SIGMOD 2017*  
Prashant Pandey, Michael A. Bender, Rob Johnson, and Rob Patro [Finalist: Most Reproducible Paper]

**Optimizing Every Operation in a Write-Optimized File System** *FAST 2016*  
Jun Yuan, Yang Zhan, William Jannen, Prashant Pandey, Amogh Akshintala, Kanchan Chandnani, Pooja Deo, Zardosht Kasheff, Michael Bender, Martin Farach-Colton, Rob Johnson, Bradley C. Kuszmaul, and Donald E. Porter [Best Paper Award]

**BetrFS: A Right-Optimized Write-Optimized File System** *FAST 2015*  
William Jannen, Jun Yuan, Yang Zhan, Amogh Akshintala, John Esmet, Yizheng Jiao, Ankur Mittal, Prashant Pandey, Phaneendra Reddy, Leif Walsh, Michael A. Bender, Martin Farach-Colton, Rob Johnson, Bradley C. Kuszmaul, and Donald E. Porter [Runner up to Best Paper]

Underlined - Utah student advisee.

#### JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

**Using Advanced Data Structures to Enable Responsive Security Monitoring** *Cluster Computing 2022*  
Janet Vorobyeva, Daniel R. Delayo, Michael A. Bender, Martin Farach-Colton, Prashant Pandey, Cynthia A. Phillips, Shikha Singh, Eric D. Thomas, Thomas M. Kroege

**An Incrementally-Updatable and Scalable System for Large-Scale Sequence Search using LSM-Trees** *BIOINFORMATICS 2022*  
Fateme Almodaresi, Jamshed Khan, Sergey Madaminov, Michael Ferdman, Rob Johnson, Prashant Pandey, and Rob Patro

**VariantStore: an index for large-scale genomic variant search** *Genome Biology 2021*  
Prashant Pandey, Yinjie Gao, Carl Kingsford

**\*External-Memory Dictionaries in the Affine and PDAM Models** *TOPC 2021*  
Michael A. Bender, Alex Conway, Martin Farach-Colton, William Jannen, Yizheng Jiao, Rob Johnson, Eric Knorr, Sara McAllister, Nirjhar Mukherjee, Prashant Pandey, Donald E. Porter, Jun Yuan, Yang Zhan

**Timely Reporting of Heavy Hitters using External Memory** *TODS 2021*  
Shikha Singh, Prashant Pandey, Michael A. Bender, Jonathan W. Berry, Martin Farach-Colton, Rob Johnson, Thomas M. Kroege, Cynthia A. Phillips

**An Efficient, Scalable, and Exact Representation of High-Dimensional Color Information Enabled Using de Bruijn Graph Search** *JCB 2020*  
Fateme Almodaresi, Prashant Pandey, Michael Ferdman, Rob Johnson, Rob Patro

**Locality Sensitive Hashing for the Edit Distance** *BIOINFORMATICS 2019*  
Guillaume Marçais, Dan DeBlasio, Prashant Pandey, and Carl Kingsford

**Mantis: A Fast, Small, and Exact Large-Scale Sequence-Search Index** *Cell Systems 2018*  
Prashant Pandey, Fateme Almodaresi, Michael A. Bender, Michael Ferdman, Rob Johnson, and Rob Patro

**deBGR: An Efficient and Near-Exact Representation of the Weighted de Bruijn Graph** *BIOINFORMATICS 2017*  
Prashant Pandey, Michael A. Bender, Rob Johnson, and Rob Patro

**Squeakr: An Exact and Approximate k-mer Counting System**  
Prashant Pandey, Michael A. Bender, Rob Johnson, and Rob Patro

*BIOINFORMATICS 2017*

**Writes Wrought Right, and Other Adventures in File System Optimization** *TOS 2016*  
Jun Yuan, Yang Zhan, William Jannen, **Prashant Pandey**, Amogh Akshintala, Kanchan Chandnani, Pooja Deo, Zardosht Kasheff, Michael Bender, Martin Farach-Colton, Rob Johnson, Bradley C. Kuszmaul, and Donald E. Porter

**BetrFS: Write-Optimization in a Kernel File System** *TOS 2015*  
William Jannen, Jun Yuan, Yang Zhan, Amogh Akshintala, John Esmet, Yizheng Jiao, Ankur Mittal, **Prashant Pandey**, Phaneendra Reddy, Leif Walsh, Michael A. Bender, Martin Farach-Colton, Rob Johnson, Bradley C. Kuszmaul, and Donald E. Porter

#### PATENTS

**Instructions that Facilitate the Implementation of the Fork System Call in Processes using Software Guard Extensions** October 2018  
<https://patents.google.com/patent/US10089447B2/en>  
**Prashant Pandey**, Mona Vij, Somnath Chakrabarti, Krystof C. Zmudzinski

**Apparatus and Method For Implementing a Forked System Call in a System with a Protected Region** January 2018  
<https://patents.google.com/patent/US9870467B2/en>  
**Prashant Pandey**, Mona Vij, Somnath Chakrabarti, Krystof C. Zmudzinski

#### INVITED TALKS

**Designing High-Performance In-Memory Indexes** October 2023  
*Database Seminar Series, Georgia Tech*

**IcebergHT: High Performance Hash Tables Through Stability and Low Associativity** February 2023  
*"From Big Data Theory to Big Data Practice" , Dagstuhl, Germany*

**High-Performance and Feature Rich GPU Filters For Exascale Computing** September 2022  
*"Joint PNNL-Utah Weekly HPC Seminar"*

**Scalability Challenges in Large-Scale Sequence Search** September 2022  
*"Utah Center of Data Science (UCDS) Seminar Series"*

**Vector Quotient Filters: Overcoming the Time/Space Trade-Off in Filter Design** September 2022  
*"Applied and Computational Discrete Algorithms (ACDA)", Aussois, France*

**Time to Change Your Filter** February 2022  
*Boston University*

**Locality Sensitive Hashing for the Edit Distance** February 2021  
*Northeastern University*

**MetaGNN: Binning Metagenomic Contigs using GNN and Taxonomic Labelling** July 2020  
*"Workshop on DL for (Meta)Genomic Sequence Data", Lawrence Berkeley National Lab*

**Timely Reporting of Heavy Hitters using External Memory** October 2019  
*University of Maryland, College Park, MD*

**Timely Reporting of Heavy Hitters using External Memory** September 2019  
*IT University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark*

**Timely Reporting of Heavy Hitters using External Memory** March 2019  
*"Theoretical Foundations of Storage Systems", Dagstuhl, Germany*

**Scheduling Problems in Write-Optimized Key-Value Stores** March 2018  
*"New Challenges in Scheduling Theory", Aussois, France*

**Compact Representation of Annotated de Bruijn Graphs**  
*Berkeley Lab, Berkeley CA*

January 2018

**deBGR: An Efficient Representation of the Weighted de Bruijn Graph**  
*Google Research, NY VMware Research, Palo Alto CA*

September 2017

**Intel Software Guard Extensions (SGX)**  
*Sandia National Laboratories, Livermore CA*

August 2015

#### CONFERENCE TALKS

**IcebergHT: High Performance Hash Tables Through Stability and Low Associativity** SIGMOD 2023  
*Seattle, USA*

**Terrace: A Hierarchical Graph Container for Skewed Dynamic Graphs** SIGMOD 2021  
*Xi'an, China*

**Vector Quotient Filters: Overcoming the Time/Space Trade-Off in Filter Design** SIGMOD 2021  
*Xi'an, China*

**VariantStore: A Space-Efficient and Fast Variant Search Index** ISMB 2020  
*Virtual conference*

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*Portland, OR*

**Small Refinements to the DAM Can Have Big Consequences for Data-Structure Design** SPAA 2019  
*Phoenix, AZ*

**Buffered Count-Min Sketch on SSD: Theory and Experiments** ESA 2018  
*Helsinki, Finland*

**Mantis: A Fast, Small, and Exact Large-Scale Sequence-Search Index** RECOMB 2018  
*Paris, France*

**deBGR: An Efficient Representation of the Weighted de Bruijn Graph** ISMB 2017  
*Prague, Czech Republic*

**A General-Purpose Counting Filter: Making Every Bit Count** SIGMOD 2017  
*Chicago, IL*

#### STUDENTS

##### • Advising

- Hunter McCoy Ph.D. CS Started Fall 2022
- Yuvraj Chasetti Ph.D. CS Started Fall 2022
- Benwei Shi Ph.D. CS (Co-advise with Prof. Jeff) Started Fall 2023
- Jinghua Yan Ph.D. CS (Co-advise with Prof. Saday) Started Fall 2023
- Susmitha Raja MS CS (Research Assistant) Started Fall 2022
- Medha Kalkur MS CS (Research Assistant) Started Fall 2022
- Manoj Marneni MS CS (Research Assistant) Started Fall 2022
- Pranjal Patil MS CS (Independent Study) Started Fall 2022
- Alex Tokita BS CS (UROP Scholar) Started Fall 2022

##### • Committee Member

- Ankit Bhardwaj Ph.D. CS
- Sayef Azad Sakin Ph.D. CS
- Mahesh Lakshminarasimhan Ph.D. CS
- AnanthKrishna Prasad Ph.D. CS
- Amit Samanta Ph.D. CS
- LeAnn Lindsey Ph.D. CS
- Todd Thornley M.S CS

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- **Workshop Organiser:**  
Workshop on Filter Data Structures SPAA (FCRC 2023) 2023
- **Program Committee:**  
SIGMOD, EDBT 2025  
SIGMOD, VLDB, PPOPP, IPDPS, IEEE BigData 2024  
VLDB, SIGMOD ARC, SPAA, IPDPS, ESA, IEEE BigData 2023  
IEEE BigData, ACM BCB, APOCS, IPDPS 2022  
ACDA, RECOMB-Seq, IPDPS, ALENEX 2021  
EURO-PAR, RECOMB-Seq 2020  
ESA 2019
- **Journals:**  
Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems (TPDS) 2020  
Transactions on Databases (TODS) 2018  
Journal of Experimental Algorithms (JEA) 2019  
IEEE Access 2019, 2021  
Oxford BIOINFORMATICS 2018, 2019, 2020  
Journal of Computational Biology (JCB) 2021, 2022, 2023  
Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering (TKDE) 2021, 2022
- **Subreviewer:**  
SODA 2024  
SC, SODA 2024  
FAST 2022  
ISMB, STACS 2021  
RECOMB 2020  
WABI, CIAC 2019
- **Session chair:** ALENEX 2021
- **Judge:** Poster session RECOMB 2019

## DEPARTMENT SERVICE

- **Director:** Data Science Graduate Certificate Program Spring 2023 –
- **Organizer:** Utah Center for Data Science Lecture Series  
<https://datascience.utah.edu/seminar.html> Fall 2023 –
- **Organiser:** KSoC Annual Sports Event  
<https://users.cs.utah.edu/~pandey/ksocsportsevent/2023/> Spring 2023 –
- **Graduate Admissions Committee** 2023, 2024
- **Organizer KSoC Colloquium Series** Fall 2022 –

## TEACHING

### Assistant Professor, School of Computing, University of Utah

- CS 6530: Adv. Database Systems Fall 2023
- CS 6968/5968: Data Str & Alg for Scalable Comp Spring 2023
- CS 6530: Adv. Database Systems Fall 2022

## TA EXPERIENCE

### Teaching Assistant, CS Dept, Stony Brook University

- CSE 548: Analysis of Algorithms Fall 2015
- CSE 535: Asynchronous Systems Fall 2015
- CSE 110: Introduction to Computer Science (Advanced Java) Spring 2014, Fall 2023

## PRESS ARTICLES ON RESEARCH

- A general purpose counting filter: making every bit count. The Morning Paper. August 2017  
Link: <https://goo.gl/nReGcF>
- Scaling Computational Biology at VMware. (Link: <https://shorturl.at/1pLR6>) April 2018
- Finding a Needle in a Field of Haystacks. Cell Systems publishes research on Mantis  
Link: <https://goo.gl/LJopwR> July 2018

## REFERENCES

Reference letters can be requested via email.

- Prof. Michael A. Bender
- Prof. Kathy Yelick
- Prof. Carl Kingsford
- Senior Staff Researcher Rob Johnson
- Prof. Rob Patro
- Prof. Martin Farach-Colton

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University of California Berkeley, CA  
Carnegie Mellon University, PA  
VMware Research, CA  
University of Maryland, College Park, MD  
Rutgers University, NJ