Prashant Pandey

Research Interest

My research interests lie at the intersection of Systems and Algorithms. I design and build theoretically well-founded data structures for massive data problems across computational biology, storage, and streaming processing.

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Google Scholar https://goo.gl/Fz82hB
Github https://github.com/prashantpandey/

Work Experience

VMware Research, Palo Alto, CA — August 2021 - Present
Research Scientist

Lawrence Berkeley Lab/UC Berkeley, 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

TIBCO Inc., Pune, India — July 2011 - June 2013
Software Developer, Cloud Platform

Education

Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY — December 2018
Ph.D. Computer Science — *GPA (3.8/4.0)*
Thesis: Fast and Space-Efficient Maps: Shrinking Big Data Down to Size
Advisors: Prof. Michael Bender & Prof. Rob Johnson

University of Pune, Pune, India — August 2007 - June 2011
Bachelor of Engineering (BE), Information Technology — *First class with distinction*
Ranked 1st in college and 7th across University

Internships

Google, Manhattan, NY — May 2017 - August 2017
Research Intern, Google Spanner

Google, Kirkland, WA — May 2016 - August 2016
Research Intern, Google Could 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

- Recipient of **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
- **Academic Excellence Scholarship**, University of Pune. — 2009, 2010, 2011

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. VMware Research Blog *April 2018*
Link: https://blogs.vmware.com/research/2018/04/18/scaling-computational-biology-vmware/

Finding a Needle in a Field of Haystacks. Cell Systems publishes research on Mantis, a new sequencing search tool. *July 2018*
Link: https://goo.gl/LJopwR

Papers under submission

MetaGNN: Metagenomic Reads Classification Using Graph Neural Networks
Prashant Pandey, Giulia Guidi, Alok Tripathy, Aydın Buluc, and Katherine Yelick

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

Publications

VariantStore: A Space-Efficient and Fast Variant Search Index *Genome Biology 2021*
Prashant Pandey, Yinjie Gao, Carl Kingsford

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 Oliker, Aydin Buluc, Katherine Yelick

*__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, SIGMOD 2020*
†**Prashant Pandey**, †Shikha Singh, Michael A. Bender, Jonathan W. Berry, Martin Farach-Colton, Rob Johnson, Thomas M. Kroeger, Cynthia A. Phillips

An Efficient, Scalable, and Exact Representation of High-Dimensional Color Information Enabled Using de Bruijn Graph Search *JCB 2020*
Fatemeh 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

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

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

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

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

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†Joint first authors

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

Squeakr: An Exact and Approximate k-mer Counting System *BIOINFORMATICS 2017*
Prashant Pandey, Michael A. Bender, Rob Johnson, 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 for the most reproducible paper**]

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

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**]

BεtrFS: 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

BεtrFS: 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**]

Publications: arXiv

*__The Online Event-Detection Problem__ *arXiv 2019*
Michael A. Bender, Jonathan W. Berry, Martin Farach-Colton, Rob Johnson, Thomas M. Kroeger, **Prashant Pandey**, Cynthia A. Phillips, Shikha Singh

A Fast x86 Implementation of Select *arXiv 2017*
Prashant Pandey, Michael A. Bender, and Rob Johnson

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

MetaGNN: Binning Metagenomic Contigs using GNN and Taxonomic Labelling
Workshop on DL for (meta)genomic sequence data, Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, July 2020

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

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

Compact Representation of Annotated de Bruijn Graphs
Berkeley Lab, Berkeley CA, January 2018

deBGR: An Efficient and Near-Exact Representation of the Weighted de Bruijn Graph
Google Research, NY, September 2017 VMware Research, Palo Alto CA, Aug 2017

Intel Software Guard Extensions (SGX)
Sandia National Laboratories, Livermore CA, August 2015

Conference Talks

VariantStore: A Space-Efficient and Fast Variant Search Index
ISMB 2020 talk/poster

Timely Reporting of Heavy Hitters using External Memory
SIGMOD 2020, Portland, OR

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

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

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

Scheduling Problems in Write-Optimized Key-Value Stores
New Challenges in Scheduling Theory 20018, Aussois, France

deBGR: An Efficient and Near-Exact 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

Professional Service

- **Session chair**: *ALENEX 2021*
- **Program Committee**: *ACDA 2021*, *RECOMB-Seq 2021*, *IPDPS 2021*, *ALENEX 2021*, *EURO-PAR 2020*, *RECOMB-Seq 2020*, *ESA 2019*
- **Reviewer**: *Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems (TPDS)*, *Transactions on Databases (TODS)*, *Journal of Experimental Algorithms (JEA)*, *IEEE Access*, *Oxford BIOINFORMATICS (2018, 2019, 2020)*
- **Subreviewer**: *ISMB 2021*, *STACS 2021*, *RECOMB 2020*, *WABI 2019*, *CIAC 2019*
- **Judge**: *Poster session RECOMB 2019*

Teaching 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*
- CSE 110: Introduction to Computer Science (Advanced Java) *Fall 2013*

References

Reference letters can be requested via email.

- Prof. Michael A. Bender — Stony Brook University, NY
- Senior Staff Researcher Rob Johnson — VMware Research, CA
- Prof. Rob Patro — University of Marryland, College Park, MD
- Prof. Carl Kingsford — Carnegie Mellon University, PA
- Prof. Kathy Yelick — University of California Berkeley, CA
- Prof. Martin Farach-Colton — Rutgers University, NJ