

# RISHI SHARMA

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## EDUCATION

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**RWTH Aachen University**

Computer Science, RWTH Exchange Worldwide

*October 2019 - February 2020*

Overall Grade: 1.0

**Indian Institute of Technology Mandi**

Bachelor of Technology (Final Year)

Computer Science and Engineering

*August 2017 - June 2021*

Overall CGPA: 9.33/10

Class Rank: 1/146

## TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

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**Computer Languages**

C/C++, Python, Go, Java

**Parallel Programming**

OpenMP, MPI, OpenACC, CUDA

**Machine Learning**

PyTorch, Tensorflow, Keras, Scikit-Learn

**Web Technologies**

Flask, React, JavaScript, PHP

**Tools & Familiar Technologies**

Git, Bash, Soot, JavaCC, MySQL, Apache Spark

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**D. E. SHAW INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED**

*Associate Developer Intern*

*April 2020 - May 2020*

- Refactored *Resize and Reorder* functionalities of the React-JS based *fixed-data-table-2* project into a more customizable and maintainable Plugins module and obviated the use of Redux.
- Received offer for *Member Technical* full-time position after graduation on the basis of excellent performance during the internship.

**IT SECURITY GROUP, RWTH AACHEN**

*Research Assistant (HiWi)*

*November 2019 - February 2020*

*Prof. Dr. Ulrike Meyer*

- **Iterative Adversarial Training for removing Blind Spots in DNN**
- Investigated the performance of adversarial attacks and adversary transfer on Deep Neural Networks for DGA generated domain names by emulating and inverting the non-differentiable embedding layer.
- Implemented iterative adversarial training to improve the robustness of the classifier using adversaries generated from the gradient-based attacks.

**THEORY OF HYBRID SYSTEMS, RWTH AACHEN**

*Research Assistant (HiWi)*

*November 2019 - February 2020*

*Prof. Dr. Erika Ábrahám*

- **Freight Train Scheduling with Satisfiability Checking**
- Formulated the scheduling of a freight train in the German railway network as a satisfiability problem in propositional logic and implemented the solution using Z3 Solver.
- Optimized the various steps of the problem formulation to reduce the problem blow-up from quadratic to linear and improved the feasibility of the approach in real-life railway network.

## PUBLICATIONS

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Sharma R. et al. (2020) *An Online Low-Cost System for Air Quality Monitoring, Prediction, and Warning*. In: Hung D., D'Souza M. (eds) Distributed Computing and Internet Technology. ICDCIT 2020. *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, vol 11969. Springer, Cham.

## PROJECTS

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### DISTRIBUTED GAMING FRAMEWORK

*Kafka, Go*

April 2020 - December 2020

*Dr. Arti Kashyap, IIT Mandi*

- Designed a framework for offloading intensive computations to the server in multiplayer games using Kafka Server as a bridge in order to improve the performance on low-end machines.
- Researched methods to improve the efficiency and reduce the effect of network as a bottleneck.

### SPARKY-AD

*Apache Spark & Algorithmic Differentiation*

December 2019 - March 2020

*Dr. Arti Kashyap, IIT Mandi*

- Developed a python library to compute derivatives of multivariate functions using Algorithmic Differentiation and Big Data framework to mitigate the Curse of Dimensionality.
- Tangent Mode Differentiation is distributed across nodes using Apache Spark and the API allows Jacobian Computation without requiring changes in the pre-written functions.

### THE EINSTEINPY PROJECT

*Python*

April 2019 onwards

*Open Source*

- Designed the Coordinates Module with 3 systems with comprehensive tests as part of the EinsteinPy Python package for General Relativity and Gravitational Physics.
- Mentored a student in Google Summer of Code 2020 to improve the EinsteinPy package.

## RELEVANT COURSES

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Advanced Data Structures and Algorithms  
Paradigms of Programming<sup>1</sup>  
Information and Database Systems  
Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science  
Operating System and Networks

Computational Differentiation  
High Performance Computing  
Machine Learning  
Satisfiability Checking  
Compiler Design

## POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

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### Teaching Assistant

*Data Science III*

September 2020 - December 2020

*Dr. Dileep A. D., IIT Mandi*

- Duties included assisting with assignments and evaluating weekly labs remotely in the online semester.

### Teaching Assistant

*Information and Database Systems*

February 2020 - August 2020

*Dr. Sriram Kailasam, IIT Mandi*

- Assisted the course instructor with tutorials and evaluations of the assignments.

### Heuristics - Machine Learning and AI Club

*Founder Coordinator*

August 2019 - August 2020

*IIT Mandi*

- Set up the new club and the related culture by organizing contests and sessions on Machine Learning.
- Widened the horizon of the club to incorporate High Performance Computing & Big Data.

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND EXTRA-CURRICULARS

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- Foundation Day Outstanding Academic Performance Award for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> year.
- Ranked 86/3464 in Codeforces Div. 3 #490 and Rated 2021 on Codechef.
- Winner of Capture The Flag in intra-college tech-fest Utkarsh 2019 and Second runner up in 2017.
- Regular participant in Hikes and Treks organized by the Hiking and Trekking Club - IIT Mandi.

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<sup>1</sup>To be completed by February 2021.