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# Sarmad Chandio

Internet Measurements, Auditing Systems, Machine Learning, Data Analysis, Natural Language Processing

### Education

2021-present Ph.D. in Computer Science

Advisor: Dr. Rishab Nithyanand, University of Iowa

2017–2021 B.S. in Computer Science

Lahore University of Management Science (LUMS), Pakistan

## **Professional Experience**

2021-present Research Assistant

SPARTA at University of Iowa

2020–2021 Research Assistant

ISPL at LUMS

2019-2021 Teaching Assistant

LUMS

#### Research

2022-present Quantitative Analysis of Volunteer and Paid Moderation

An intervention study to check if paid moderation improves the quality of different communities,

by comparing the work quality of volunteer and paid moderators on reddit.

Submitted 2022 Auditing The Auditors

How Audit Methodologies Impact Our Understanding of YouTube's Recommendation Systems

Sarmad Chandio, Daniyal Dar, Rishab Nithyanand

2022 Literature Review: Importance of Volunteer Content Moderation

Highlighted the importance of volunteer moderators on reddit communities and their monetary

value for the platform.

2020–2021 COPPA Compliance In Children Android Apps

Checked children apps' compliance with COPPA and GDPR through analyzing in-app

advertisements and network analysis.

2020 Ad-Fraud Detection

Built a predictive model to classify the fraudulent and benign links in youtube video descriptions.

#### Skills

Languages & Tools Python, C++, Java, JavaScript, HTML, MySQL, Selenium, Burp Suite

## Achievements & Highlights

2022-present Member of Algorithms and Cultures journal

2021–present Member of Privacy, Anonymity and Security journal 2022 Attended Symposium on Security and Privacy 2022

2021 Member of Text Retrieval and Text Mining journal

2021 **Dean's Honor List,** Lahore University of Management Sciences