# Sharad Shriram

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## Summary\_

- Software Engineer with 6 years of experience applying cutting-edge ML models (including LLMs) to solve real-world problems. Working at the intersection of privacy and machine learning
- Passionate about integrating software engineering best practices for efficiency.
- Research interests include applied Machine Learning/ Natural Language Processing (NLP), Software Architecture and Infrastructure for Generative AI applications.

## Work Experience \_\_\_\_\_

Google Bangalore, India

Al Privacy Engineer

Jun. 2024 - Present

- · Analyzing patterns from the lens of AI governance to identify and mitigate privacy risks to make AI compliant to regulatory and organization policies through privacy engineering.
- · In-house consultant on AI privacy and AI governance.

Google DeepMind Bangalore, India

Pre Doctoral Researcher

May. 2024 - Jun. 2024

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- · Applied ML application on data visualizations Developed a conversational interface over data visualizations using a visionlanguage model and large language model. Prioritized accessibility-focused design for diverse user needs

#### Google through Optimum Infosystems

Bangalore, India

Data Commons Associate

Aug. 2021 - Jun. 2022

- · Expanded data coverage for Google's Data Commons open knowledge graph project.
- · Designed new schema for diverse public statistical datasets within the Data Commons project.
- · Developed data processing workflows for ingesting statistical datasets (including census data) into the Data Commons platform.

#### Centre for Networked Intelligence, Indian Institute of Science

Bangalore, India

Technical Associate

Dec. 2019 - Jul. 2021

- Led architecture and development of COVID-19 response projects: serosurvey optimization & agent-based model as a service.
- Contributed to COVID-19 response projects that were published in AAMAS 2021; Journ. of IISc., 2020; Sankhya B, 2020.
- Researched software architectures for online networking courses; presented at ACM SIGCOMM Online Networking Education Discussion Workshop, 2020.

**IBM Netherlands** Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Extreme Blue Intern

May. 2018 - Aug. 2018

· Led development of an AI/data-driven prototype for supply chain analysis at a top Food & Beverage company.

### Education\_

#### **Delft University of Technology (TU Delft)**

Delft, the Netherlands

M.S. (by Research) in Computer Science

Sep. 2017 - Aug. 2019

- Courses: Software Architecture, Pattern Recognition, Information Retrieval, Web Data Management, Web Science and Engineering.
- Thesis: "A Human-Machine Approach to Preserve Privacy in Image Analysis Crowdsourcing Tasks".
- · Advisor: Prof. Alessandro Bozzon
- · Teaching and Lab Assistant for graduate and undergraduate CS course.

#### Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham (Amrita University)

Coimbatore, India

B. Tech. in Computer Science and Engineering

Aug. 2012 - May. 2016

• Undergraduate Student Researcher in Mobile and Wireless Networks lab.

# Highlights\_

- · Recognized for cross-functional collaboration with multiple Google internal awards (peer and spot bonuses).
- Runners-up for Project with the best innovation impact, IBM Extreme Blue European Expo, 2018.
- IBM Benelux Excellence Award for work done during the Extreme Blue internship, 2018.

### Skills\_

Programming Languages Python, C++, JavaScript, Java.

Data and ETL pipelines Pandas, Apache Beam, Tensorflow datasets, SQL, R, scipy

ML/NLP Frameworks Tensorflow, HuggingFace, PyTorch, numpy

Web Frameworks Django, Flask, Angular, nginx, PHP

### Selected Publications

- A Talekar, Shriram, S, N Vaidhiyan, G Aggarwal, J Chen, S Venkatramanan, L Wang, A Adiga, A Sadilek, A Tendulkar, M Marathe, R Sundaresan, and M Tambe. Cohorting to Isolate Asymptomatic Spreaders: An Agent-Based Simulation Study on the Mumbai Suburban Railway. Proceedings of the 20th International Conference on Autonomous Agents and MultiAgent Systems, pages 1680–1682, 2021.
- S Agrawal, S Bhandari, A Bhattacharjee, A Deo, N M Dixit, P Harsha, S Juneja, P Kesarwani, A K Swamy, P Patil, et al. City-scale agent-based simulators for the study of non-pharmaceutical interventions in the context of the covid-19 epidemic. *Journal of the Indian Institute of Science*, pages 1–39, 2020.
- Sharad, S\*, P B Sivakumar, and V Anantha Narayanan. The smart bus for a smart city—A real-time implementation. In 2016 IEEE International Conference on Advanced Networks and Telecommunications Systems (ANTS), pages 1–6. IEEE, 2016.
- P Parag, P Patil, S Shriram, R Sundaresan, H Tyagi, and N K Vaidhiyan. Antidote for CoVID-19 pandemic induced surge in online learning. In 2016 IEEE International Conference on Advanced Networks and Telecommunications Systems (ANTS), 2020.
- S Athreya, G R Babu, A Iyer, M M B S, N Rathod, **Shriram, S**, R Sundaresan, N Vaidhiyan, and S Yasodharan. COVID-19: Optimal Design of Serosurveys for Disease Burden Estimation. *Sankhya B*, pages 1–23, 2020.
- Sharad, S\*, P B Sivakumar, and V Ananthanarayanan. An automated system to mitigate loss of life at unmanned level crossings. Procedia computer science, 92:404–409, 2016

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- · Prof. Rajesh Sundaresan (Professor, ECE, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore), rajeshs@iisc.ac.in.
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