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## About

I am a doctoral candidate in http://www.cse.umich.edu/Computer Science and Engineering at http://www.umich.edu/The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. I have been working with Professor http://ai.eecs.umich.edu/people/laird/John Laird on the http://sitemaker.umich.edu/soar/homeSoar Cognitive Architecture in the http://www.eecs.umich.edu/ai/Michigan AI Lab since 2009.

I am interested in situated language for intelligent agents and the relationship of language processing (comprehension, acquisition, generation and interaction) with other cognitive capabilities such as perception, procedural and declarative knowledge, and learning.

My past work has focused on cognitive agents that can learn to navigate new, complex environments. We have looked at agents that start with minimal background knowledge about an environment and build relevant, relational structures using reinforcement learning in the http://2009.rl-competition.org/mario.phpInfinite Mario RL domain.

I am from India, where I received an undergraduate degree in http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Instrume and Control Engineering from http://www.du.ac.in/index.php?iddifferential calculus, I ended up loving programming and other geeky, Computer Science-y things. I worked with http://in.careers.yahoo.com/Yahoo! India as a software engineer on their Strategic Data Solutions team for some time, before deciding to denounce the real world, and the money that comes with it and became a graduate student.

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