

# Skanda Koppula

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## Massachusetts Institute of Technology

*Major: Computer Science and Engineering, BSc, GPA: 4.7/5.0*

*Sept. 2013 - Present*

*Relevant courses:* Computer and Network Security, Compilers, Digital Communications Systems, Computer Systems Engineering, Cryptography, Design and Analysis of Algorithms, Theory of Computation, Artificial Intelligence

## Projects and Work Experience

### Yahoo Membership and Paranoids, Algorithms Engineer Intern

*June 2016 - Sep. 2016*

### Web Security Infrastructure Intern

*June 2015 - Aug. 2015*

*Square*

- Built service to capture and encrypt memory dump when the Square card-reader crashes
- Developed back-end services to decrypt, and symbolify binary contents to human-readable source error trace

### Biometric Authentication System with Homomorphic Encryption

*May 2015 - Present*

*MIT Energy Efficient Circuits Group*

- Developed protocols for privacy-preserving speaker authentication in the Pailler/BGN cryptosystems
- Constructed a software prototype of speaker authentication systems

### Embedded Software for MIT Electric Vehicle Team

*May 2014 - Present*

*Member of MIT Electric Vehicle Team*

- Developed module (with 32-bit ARM core and high-power relays) to read in status of car toggles and output control CAN messages to drive car
- Built software tools to eavesdrop on the CAN bus and verify that message bus contains messages that match our signaling specification

### Power-Based Side-Channel Attack for AES Key Extraction on ATMega328P

*Sept. 2015 - Nov. 2015*  
*6.858 Final Project - Computer Systems Security*

- Built hardware setup to measure power consumption, implemented Correlation Power Analysis, and extracted an AES secret from Arduino flash memory
- Paper found at <https://skoppula.github.io/pdfs/sidechannel-report.pdf>

## Skills

Web Systems: **Java Web Services/JBoss, Rails, RSpec, Flask, JavaScript, Node.js**

Embedded Systems: **C** and working proficiency in **x86 Assembly** and **Bluespec Verilog**.

Misc: **Python, bash scripting**, and **R**

## Awards

Analog Devices Undergraduate Research and Innovation Scholar Award	2015
Third Place in Jane Street Collegiate Programmatic Trading Competition	2015

## Other interests

- Project Euler and other fun online algorithmic challenges
- Blogging about coding, data analysis, and art at [skoppula.github.io](https://skoppula.github.io)
- Volunteer teaching *Applied Algorithms, Biochemistry - Kitchen Edition*, and *SAT Math*