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Education	University/School	Subject/Discipline	Year	CPI/%
Post Graduation	IIT, Kanpur	MS-R, CSE (Cybersecurity)	2023-25	9.80
Under Graduation	VIT, Vellore	Major, ME and Minor, CSE	2017-21	9.16
Intermediate/+2	Sri Chaitanya, Vizag (HSC)	STEM	2015-17	92.00
Matriculation/10th	Sri Chaitanya, Vizag (SSC)	STEM	2015	10.00

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Face Morphing Attack Generation and Detection (Digital Forensics) (M.S-R Thesis); [Guide: Prof. Nisheeth Srivastava]

Impact: 50L+ students/year. Project of NTA for JEE Main/NEET UG exams in India

(Nov'23 - Present)

- Our research focuses on detecting **GAN-based morphs** and **Photoshopped morphs**. We have achieved over 95% accuracy in detecting PNG-GAN morphs and over 98% accuracy in 'non-scanned' photoshopped images. We have created a **CNN** that classifies an image as scanned or unscanned with 95% accuracy. Tools: ELA, OpenCV, Pillow, InceptionV3, ResNET50, etc.

ACADEMIC PROJECTS

DOM and DFA Attack on AES (CS666: H/W Security for IoT)(A Grade) Guide: Prof. Urbi Chatterjee

(July'23-Nov'23)

- Determined the 5th byte of 10th round key by **DOM**. Analyzed 10K power traces and CT's with 2^8 key guesses, applied inv. S-Box, binned results by LSB & ranked guesses on mean differences across power traces to identify the highest-ranking as the key.
- Conducted fault injection, formed **DFA** eqns., iteratively retrieved key bytes. For 1B, **potential keys, reduced from 2^8 to 30**

Packet Capture Analysis (CS628: CSS)(A Grade) Guide: Prof. Angshuman Karmakar

(July'23-Nov'23)

- Analyzed .PCAP files using Wireshark to detect **SQL injection** (e.g., UNION SELECT commands) and **XSS attacks** (get root privileges), including session ID theft via cookies.
- Implemented safety measures against XSS and SQL Inj. Skills: Security analysis, Wireshark, vulnerability mitigation.

Escaping the Caves(CS641)(Modern Cryptology) (A Grade) Guide: Prof. Manindra Agrawal

(Jan'24 - Apr'24)

- Methodically **Analyzed and Decoded** a range of cryptosystems namely, **Substitution cipher, PlayFair cipher, EAEAE, DES**.
- Utilized advanced techniques to exploit cryptosystems, methods such as **frequency analysis, differential cryptanalysis**.

Breaking Companion Arbiter PUF (CAR-PUF) using ML (CS771) Guide: Prof. Purushottam Kar

(Jan'24 - Apr'24)

- A CAR-PUF uses two arbiter PUFs and a secret threshold τ . For same challenge, if $|\Delta w - \Delta r| \leq \tau$, the response is 0; else, it is 1.
- Derived a mathematical proof showing that a CAR-PUF can be compromised by a single linear model.
- Developed code to learn the linear model W, b using logistic regression with $C = 1.0$, mapping 32-dimensional input features to 528 for a better fit. Evaluated hyper-parameters for training time and accuracy.

SELF PROJECTS

Project GATE CSE GPT (Winter LLM Bootcamp, Pathway x IIT-K x IIT-BHU, Non-Academic)

(Feb'24 - Present)

Impact: 1L+ students/year

- Developed a real-time chatbot using OpenAI & Pathway for document search & retrieval, helping students with interview prep, PYQ, test-series, & other CSE doubts, to aid who can't afford coaching. It integrates Pathway's LLM App & Dropbox in the backend.
- API Setup:** The API uses Pathway to process user queries by reading & parsing binary data from Dropbox, **computing embeddings** with the OpenAI API, & indexing them for efficient search. Responses to user is based on these indexed embeddings.
- User Interface:** Built with **Streamlit**, inputs queries, sends to the API via POST, displays responses, & shows error, if request fails.

Project Sign Calculator (IITG-RIC Hack Conclave - 2024, Non-Academic)

(Aug'24 - Present)

- Developed a first-of-its-kind sign language calculator using a deep learning model trained on a Kaggle dataset of hand signs for digits 0-5 and operators (+, -, *, /). Implemented the project using Python, TensorFlow, and OpenCV, achieving real-time hand gesture recognition and evaluation of mathematical expression on screen with an accuracy rate of 99.90% on test data.

RELEVANT COURSES AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Mtech Courses :** Introduction to ML, Modern Cryptology, Computer Systems Security, Hardware Security for IOT Devices.
- Btech Courses :** Data Structures & Algorithms, Computer Architecture, Essentials of ML, Digital Logic, Database Management.
- Prog./Scripting Languages:** C, C++ (proficient), Python (proficient), Java, JavaScript, Verilog HDL, HTML, CSS, MySQL.
- ML Lib/Tools:** Scikit-learn, Tensorflow, PyTorch, NumPy, OpenCV, Pillow, Pandas, Matplotlib, Git, \LaTeX , Google Colab, Jupyter.

POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY & WORK EXPERIENCE

- GET Intern & Assoc. Engineer at L&T:** Designed check plates for GD&T of manufactured vehicles body parts. (Aug'21-Mar'22)
- ESC111/112 Course Admin (Head TA) :** Management of exams, course logistics and duties of other TAs. (Jan'24-May'24)
- Teaching Assistant :** Two sem of assisting students with doubt resolution, lab test management & grading. (Aug'23-May'24)
- Teaching Assistant :** CS 637: Embedded and Cyber-Physical Systems. (Aug'24-Present)
- Student Guide, Institute Counselling Services, IIT Kanpur:** Mentoring 8 freshmen, giving academic support. (Jul'24-Present)
- Crew & Coordinator:** in Mechnovate & E-Fest, ASME Chapter, VIT Vellore, (Media & Management) (Dec'17-Dec'19)

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND RECOGNITION'S

- Academic Excellence Award** for the sem. "2023-24 First" for ranking among the **top 10%** in the CSE department.
- First Position** among 689 registered participants in the "**Altair Data Science Contest**" conducted by Altair x Techkriti'2024.
- Top 3** open-source project contributor in Winter LLM Bootcamp, offered by **Pathway X P-Club IIT Kanpur x CoPS IIT BHU**.
- Top 5** in the "**IITG-RIC Hack Conclave-2024**" conducted by Research and Industrial Conclave, IIT Guwahati.
- Selected among 550+ applicants, for ACM India Summer Schools 2024** held at **IIT Bombay**, offered by Trust Lab, IITB.
- Selected for Sakura Science University Students Exchange Prog - 2024**, held at **Japan**, organised by Japan Science & Technology Agency. Group leader among the 5 students, selected from IITK. Visited top Japanese universities, research inst., & private comp.
- Secured All India Rank: 507 in GATE CSE/IT - 2023** among 1.02 lakh candidates nationwide.