Varun Agrawal | Résumé

(313) 329 8410 • varunagrawal@gatech.edu • varunagrawal.me

varunagrawal • varagrawal • varagrawal

Education

Georgia Institute of Technology   **Atlanta, GA**
MS Computer Science, Computational Perception & Robotics   *2015–Present*
GPA: 3.85 / 4.00

National Institute of Technology   **Surat, India**
B.Tech, Computer Science and Engineering   *2009–2013*
GPA: 8.76 / 10.00

Experience

Technology Transition Lab, Georgia Tech   **Atlanta, GA**
Graduate Research Assistant   *2015–Present*
The Technology Transition Lab (TRLx) performs applied research in perception and robotics with the goal of turning fundamental research performed by Georgia Tech into actionable systems that can be used by Georgia Tech's industry partners. Advised by Dr. Larry Sweet.

- Project with PSA Peugeot where we developed an edge based tracker that uses state of the art Computer Vision techniques to track a car door in real time with a latency of 5ms.
- Use of the KUKA 210 industrial robot and the Universal Robots UR5 collaborative robot to perform actuation on the object being tracked akin to actual factory settings.

Georgia Tech Design and Innovation   **Atlanta, GA**
Lead Software Engineer   *2016–Present*

- Lead of a team of 5 students in developing web apps for Georgia Tech's Capstone Design course and Capstone Expo.
- The Capstone Design web app helps students connect with and apply for industry sponsored projects which in-turn leads to research papers, patents and other major technical breakthroughs. `projects.gatech.edu`
- The Capstone Expo web app helps power the Georgia Tech Capstone Expo, the largest undergraduate expo in the U.S., where students showcase their projects, and industry partners evaluate and judge the projects. `expo.gatech.edu`

Pindrop Security   **Atlanta, GA**
Software Engineer Intern   *May 2016–July 2016*

- Worked with the Cloud Services team to develop microservices for calculating phone reputation scores in order to gauge the veracity of a possibly fraudulent phone calls.
- Used Python, Go and Docker to build highly scalable services and APIs to service 10 of the 15 largest financial institutions in the U.S., saving up to $10 million annually from phone call fraud.

Microsoft Corporation   **Hyderabad, India**
Software Engineer, MACH   *2013–2015*

- Microsoft Key Talent FY15
- Built a Data Analytics Toolbox for analyzing petabytes of cross-domain data and inferring data items and results to power various scenarios for the Entertainment Segments within the Bing search engine.
- Services and apps to power Microsoft's Quoting, Agreements and Core Services in the Enterprise Commerce space, responsible for over $60 billion of Microsoft's enterprise revenue.

Microsoft Corporation   **Hyderabad, India**
Software Engineer Intern   *May-July 2012*

- Operations tool for the Enterprise Service Bus (ESB).
- Used for real time management of ESB servers and monitoring against failures.

ACM Student Chapter, NIT Surat   **Surat, India**
President   *2011–2012*

- Led a team of 22 students to evangelize Computer Science and Computer Science education in SVNIT.
- Conducted multiple cross-department events, quizzes and seminars for students.
- Grew the organization from 15 members to over 70 members from across majors in a year, thus establishing it as the largest student organization in NIT Surat.

TEDxSVNIT   **Surat, India**
Publicity Lead   February 2011
Member of core team to organize first ever TEDx event in the city of Surat.

Research & Publications

2016: Large Scale Multi Label Annotation on the Yelp Image Dataset   *Yelp Data Challenge, 2016*
2015: Indexing Music Based On Lyrical Concepts, Poster   *Microsoft Machine Learning and Data Science Conference*
2013: Fast Facial Expression Recognition   *In Progress*
2012: Exam Rank Expert Classification System   *Provisional Patent Number:2308/MUM/2014*
2012: Active Contour Models and Particle Filters for Object Tracking   *Undergraduate Research Seminar*

Awards

2015: 3rd - Microsoft India Build The Shield CTF Competition

2014: Microsoft FY15 Key Talent Award

2014: 1st - Microsoft India General Quiz

2014: 1st - Microsoft Capture The Flag Competition

2012: 6th - SecurIT All India Capture Flag (InCTF)

2012: $64^{th}/1300$ - **ACM ICPC** On-site National Round

2011: 1st - Amazon What's Your Cloud Idea? Competition

Skills & Tools

Advanced: C\C++, C#, Python

Intermediate: Common Lisp, Ruby, JavaScript, JAVA, SQL

Basic: HTML\CSS, Prolog, LaTeX

Platforms/Frameworks: Windows • Windows Phone • Linux • Android • Ruby on Rails • Bootstrap • Flask • Azure • Heroku

Tools: OpenCV • Git • GNU Octave • Matlab • Lex • YACC • Arduino • Emacs • Visual Studio • Eclipse • GIMP

Languages/Communication: English, Hindi, Konkani, Italian

Last Updated August 17, 2016