VISHNU ASUTOSH DASU

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EDUCATION

- **Pennsylvania State University**   *Aug 2024 - May 2027*
  Doctor of Philosophy, Computer Science and Engineering

  – *Research Area*: Trustworthy Machine Learning and Software Security
  – *Advisor*: Prof. Gang (Gary) Tan

- **Pennsylvania State University**   *Aug 2022 - May 2024*
  Master of Science, Computer Science and Engineering

  – *Thesis*: "Mitigating Unfairness in Deep Learning"
  – *Advisor*: Prof. Gang (Gary) Tan

- **Manipal Institute of Technology (MIT), Manipal**   *July 2016 - July 2020*
  Bachelor of Technology, Computer Science and Engineering

PUBLICATIONS   *Citations: 175, h-index: 8*

* - Equal Contribution/Alphabetical Order

- **Attention Pruning: Automated Fairness Repair of Language Models via Surrogate Simulated Annealing**
  (Major Revision) 48th International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE), 2026
  Vishnu Asutosh Dasu, Md Rafi ur Rashid, Vipul Gupta, Saeid Tizpaz-Niari, Gang Tan

- **Improving Noise Efficiency in Privacy-preserving Dataset Distillation**
  International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV), 2025
  Runkai Zheng, **Vishnu Asutosh Dasu**, Yinong Wang, Haohan Wang, Fernando De la Torre

- **Privacy-Preserving Data Deduplication for Enhancing Federated Learning of Language Models**
  Network and Distributed System Security (NDSS) Symposium, 2025
  Aydin Abadi*, **Vishnu Asutosh Dasu***, Sumanta Sarkar*

- **NeuFair: Neural Network Fairness Repair with Dropout**
  33rd ACM SIGSOFT International Symposium on Software Testing and Analysis (ISSTA), 2024
  Vishnu Asutosh Dasu, Ashish Kumar, Saeid Tizpaz-Niari, Gang Tan

- **Impact of Data Duplication on Deep Neural Network-Based Image Classifiers: Robust vs. Standard Models**
  IEEE Deep Learning Security and Privacy Workshop (DLSP), IEEE S&P, 2025
  Alireza Aghabagherloo, Aydin Abadi, Sumanta Sarkar, **Vishnu Asutosh Dasu**, Bart Preneel

- **PROV-FL: Privacy-preserving Round Optimal Verifiable Federated Learning**
  15th ACM Workshop on Artificial Intelligence and Security (AISEC), ACM CCS, 2022
  Vishnu Asutosh Dasu, Sumanta Sarkar, Kalikinkar Mandal

- **Side Channel Attack On Stream Ciphers: A Three-Step Approach To State/Key Recovery**
  IACR Transactions on Cryptographic Hardware and Embedded Systems (TCHES), 2022
  Satyam Kumar, **Vishnu Asutosh Dasu**, Anubhab Baksi, Santanu Sarkar, Dirmanto Jap, Jakub Breier, Shivam Bhasin

- **EvoquerBot: A multimedia chatbot leveraging synthetic data for cross-domain assistance**
  Alexa Prize TaskBot Challenge 2 Proceedings

Team EvoquerBOT, Penn State University

- **New Results on Machine Learning-Based Distinguishers**
  IEEE Access, 2023
  Anubhab Baksi*, Jakub Breier*, **Vishnu Asutosh Dasu***, Xiaolu Hou*, Hyunji Kim*, Hwajeong Seo*

- **Three Input Exclusive-OR Gate Support For Boyar-Peralta's Algorithm**
  22nd International Conference on Cryptology in India (Indocrypt), 2021
  Anubhab Baksi, **Vishnu Asutosh Dasu**, Banashri Karmakar, Anupam Chattopadhyay, Takanori Isobe

- **LIGHTER-R: Optimized Reversible Circuit Implementation For SBoxes**
  32nd IEEE International System-on-Chip Conference (SOCC), 2019
  Vishnu Asutosh Dasu, Anubhab Baksi, Sumanta Sarkar, Anupam Chattopadhyay

- **[Re] GANSpace: Discovering Interpretable GAN Controls**
  ReScience C, 2022
  Vishnu Asutosh Dasu, Midhush Manohar T.K.

PREPRINTS

- **Trust Me, I Can Handle It: Self-Generated Adversarial Scenario Extrapolation for Robust Language Models**
  (Under Review) The 40th Annual AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), 2026
  Md Rafi Ur Rashid, **Vishnu Asutosh Dasu**, Ye Wang, Gang Tan, Shagufta Mehnaz

- **Fltrojan: Privacy leakage attacks against federated language models through selective weight tampering**
  (Under Review) Network and Distributed System Security (NDSS) Symposium, 2026
  Md Rafi Ur Rashid, **Vishnu Asutosh Dasu**, Kang Gu, Najrin Sultana, Shagufta Mehnaz

ACADEMIC AND WORK EXPERIENCE

- **Pennsylvania State University**   *Aug. 2022 - Present*
  Graduate Research/Teaching Assistant   *University Park, PA, USA*

  - *Supervisors:* Prof. Gary Tan, Prof. Saeid Tizpaz-Niari, & Prof. Shagufta Mehnaz
  - *Projects:* Private data extraction attacks on federated LLMs, Trustworthy Code Generation LLMs, Fairness of LLMs and ML

- **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) Research**   *Sept 2020 - June 2022*
  Researcher, Cybersecurity and Privacy   *Bangalore, India*

  - *Supervisors:* Prof. Sumanta Sarkar & Manish Shukla
  - *Project:* Privacy-preserving federated learning, Insider threat detection from network logs

- **Citrix R&D**   *Jan 2020 - June 2020*
  Software Engineer Intern, Citrix Analytics for Security (CAS)   *Bangalore, India*

  - Full-stack Web Developer

- **Nanyang Technological University (NTU)**   *Dec 2019*
  Research Intern   *Singapore*

  - *Supervisor:* Prof. Anupam Chattopadhyay
  - *Project:* Optimized hardware implementations of block ciphers

- **TCS Research**   *May 2019 - July 2019*
  Research Intern, Cybersecurity and Privacy   *Hyderabad, India*

- *Supervisor:* Dr. Chalamala Srinivasa Rao
- *Project:* Adversarial attacks and defenses on Convolution Neural Networks (CNNs)

- **Tiny Banyan Technologies**   *Feb 2019 - May 2019*
  Machine Learning Intern   *Remote*

  - *Project:* Real-time detection of humans and firearms from CCTV footage using deep learning

- **Indian Statistical Institute**   *May 2018 - July 2018*
  Summer Scholar   *Kolkata, India*

  - *Supervisor:* Prof. Dipti Prasad Mukherjee
  - *Project:* 3-D coordinate estimation of humans from 2-D live video feed

- **Project Manas (AI Robotics)**   *Feb 2018 - Feb 2019*

  - *Projects:* Clustering and tracking LIDAR point clouds, Sensor fusion using Kalman Filters

SKILLS

- **Beginner:** Go, Rust, Swift, iOS Development, Android Development

- **Intermediate:** C++, Java, Javascript, HTML, Cryptography, SQL, Web Development, Computer Vision, Image Processing, Natural Language Processing, Robotics, ROS, Git, Linux

- **Advanced:** Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Trustworthy ML, Python, C, LaTeX, Security, Privacy

SERVICE

- **Organizer**, Penn State Security Reading Group (2024 - Present)

- **Reviewer:** IEEE Access 2025, IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics and Security (TIFS) 2025

- **Artifact Evaluation Committee:** ACM CCS 2025

- **Judge:** Penn State Undergraduate Exhibition 2025

- **External Reviewer:** NDSS 2025, OOPSLA 2025, IEEE S&P 2025

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Internet Society Fellowship**: Received the Internet Society Fellowship to attend NDSS 2025.

- **TCS Citation Award** *(3× recipient)*: Received the award for outstanding contribution to TCS.

- **Scholarship**: Received a scholarship to attend the *Winter School on Responsible AI* in Israel.

- **Best Project Award**: Received the Best Project Award during the *Fifth Summer School on Computer Vision, Graphics and Image Processing*, Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) Kolkata.

- **IGVC**: Placed 2nd in the Interoperability Profiles Challenge and 9th overall at *Intelligent Ground Vehicle Competition (IGVC)* 2018. Second-best among all teams from India.

- **DAGsHub Award:** Received a $500 award from *DAGsHub* for completing the *ML Reproducibility Challenge Spring 2021*.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Student Member of the ACM

- Student Member of IEEE