

# VENKAT ARUN

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## EDUCATION

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**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, Cambridge, MA, USA  
Ph.D. Student in Computer Science  
Advisors: Prof. Hari Bakalrishnan and Prof. Mohammad Alizadeh

*2017-Present*

**Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati**  
B.Tech. in Computer Science & Engineering  
Overall GPA: **9.83/10 (Institute Rank 1, Batch of 2017)**

*2013-2017*

## PUBLICATIONS

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- **Copa: Congestion Control Combining Objective Optimization with Simple Window Adjustments**  
Venkat Arun, Hari Balakrishnan  
USENIX NSDI 2018
- **Language-Directed Hardware Design for Network Performance Monitoring**  
Srinivas Narayana, Anirudh Sivaraman, Vikram Nathan, Prateesh Goyal, Venkat Arun, Mohammad Alizadeh, Vimalkumar Jeyakumar, and Changhoon Kim  
ACM SIGCOMM 2017  
**Best Paper Award**

## EXPERIENCE

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**Intern, Max Planck Institute for Software Systems**

*Summer 2016*

*Profs. Deepak Garg, Peter Druschel, and Krishna Gummadi*

- Designed a cryptographically secure allegation escrow, the first such design to our knowledge

**Intern, Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

*Summer 2015*

*Prof. Hari Balakrishnan*

- Developed a new, general purpose congestion control algorithm for the wide-internet with compelling performance.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- ACM SIGCOMM Best Paper Award, 2017
- Jacobs Presidential Fellowship, 2017 (MIT)
- President of India Gold Medal, 2017 (IIT Guwahati)
- Institute Merit Scholarship, 2015 and 2016 (IIT Guwahati)
- KVPY Government of India Scholarship, 2013

## OTHER PROJECTS

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- Online multiplayer strategy game based on Conway's Game of Life *2014*
- Assistive stereo vision system for the visually impaired *2014*

- Automatic photo optimizer to find an aesthetically optimal crop *2013*
- PCA-based face encoder for ultra-low bandwidth video chatting *2013*
- Predictive image compression by texture completion *2012*
- English-like language for literate programming *2009*