

Since I embarked on the study of Computers during my Undergraduate years, I have gained knowledge and understanding of the subjects that I pursued along the way. This includes courses such as Data Structures, Unix and Shell Programming, Analysis and Design of Algorithms, Object Oriented Programming, Software Engineering, Database Management System, Programming the Web and Web 2.0 & Rich Internet Application. Furthermore, I underwent an industrial training on PHP for a month in Lucknow, India at CETPA Infotech and by the end of it, built an e-ticketing system. The knowledge grasped while working on this project and gaining subject expertise on PHP during the month-long internship helped me in developing a prototype web-based application to be used by the judicial system of India, known as CRMS- Criminal Record Management System.

After completing my under graduation, I was hired by CtrlS Datacenters in December, 2013 as a Junior Web Designer based on my ability to work across technology in the field of web design and development. I worked as the sole designer of the project to create an inter-company portal for employees. I worked on this project extensively, exploited my knowledge from the internship, and in return gained experience and learned a lot more.

I parted ways with CtrlS and joined HCL Technologies Ltd. in July 2014 as a Software Engineer. Based on my credentials and achievements, I was the only graduate trainee to be assigned to a project without undergoing three months of rigorous training and tests from a batch of 120 people. The will to grow both professionally and personally propelled me to excel in the team and in the Company, helping me attain my goals. I was, thus, sent onshore to work with clients just after a year of joining the Company. I performed my duties as a Team-Lead (Onshore) and hired new people to set up the team there, worked with them and trained them in the required fields to get them ready to perform optimally and as per the norms of the industry. USAA (United Services Automobile Association) outsources some of the projects to IBM in Manila, Philippines. I was also, given a chance to train the IBM team at Manila, Philippines by the clients on the technologies that they did not have extensive experience on. Looking back, this exposure has played a critical part in my growth as a professional and as a human being. I learned the ways a business works and how to work with the team better. Working with a multicultural team on a different land helped me interact with people from different cultures and backgrounds and also understand the world better, handle responsibilities and tackle unprecedented challenges that come along the way, both in the job and in life.

I have worked for almost four years on developing components of a banking software for USAA. I have developed multiple pieces of software and utilities to help people interact better with technology, developing voice-based recognition when one calls customer care and have been involved in the development of pieces of software, over time, to help the bank take better care of its customers when natural calamities hit the mainland US in 2017. These events from my professional life made me feel that I can do more as a human being and a software engineer by developing new platforms to help mankind around the globe or be a part of an organization that can help me do so. Achieving such triumph requires research exposure and requires me to enhance my technical knowledge to remunerate my skills, for which I am pursuing an MS now.

Once I complete my graduation, I would like to work with a leading software development company such as Google because of the rapid growth of technology by the tech giant, which is helping human civilization on the front of technology more than any other firm. I would put my expertise to grow as an individual and a professional and challenge myself to refine my leadership skills and gain technical experience to master my craft and technology. By climbing the corporate ladder in the long-run and becoming an influential leader in my field, I would strive to make the lives of the people more connected, informative and secure.

A learned man is not educated until he has contributed to the community he grew up and lives in. Apart from the professional achievements, I have tried to contribute to my community as much as I can. I have participated in blood donation camps, helped raise awareness through my company on cancer and have worked as a volunteer to help cancer-affected children in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. I contribute a certain percentage from my monthly earnings throughout the year to help support the studies of underprivileged kids.

I am filled with immense gratitude towards the Indian Student Association for bestowing upon me this award which would help me immensely in pursuing my dreams and my career.