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Research Objective	(1) Develop robust and generalizable language understanding and generation techniques; (2) make them inclusive, accessible, and equitable; and (3) apply them in applications that foster social good.	
Education	Ph.D. in Computer Science [2017 – 2021] University of California, Los Angeles CGPA: 3.78 on a scale of 4.00 <i>Advisor:</i> Dr. Kai-Wei Chang Master of Computer Science [2015 – 17] University of Virginia CGPA: 4.00 on a scale of 4.00 B.Sc. in Computer Science and Engineering [2008 – 13] Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology CGPA: 3.81 on a scale of 4.00	
Selected Publications [Google Scholar]	Ahmad, W. U. , Chi, J., Le, T., Norton, T., Tian, Y., & Chang, K. W. (2021). Intent Classification and Slot Filling for Privacy Policies. In Proceedings of the 59th Annual Conference of the ACL. Ahmad, W. U. , Li, H., Chang, K. W., & Mehdad, Y. (2021). Syntax-augmented Multilingual BERT for Cross-lingual Transfer. In Proceedings of the 59th Annual Conference of the ACL. Ahmad, W. U. , Bai, X., Lee, S., & Chang, K. W. (2021). Select, Extract and Generate: Neural Keyphrase Generation with Layer-wise Coverage Attention. In Proceedings of the 59th Annual Conference of the ACL. Ahmad, W. U. , Chakraborty, S., Ray, B., & Chang, K. W. (2021). Unified Pre-training for Program Understanding and Generation. In Proceedings of the 18th Annual Conference of the NAACL-HLT. Ahmad, W. U. , Peng, N., & Chang, K. W. (2021). GATE: Graph Attention Transformer Encoder for Cross-lingual Relation and Event Extraction. In Proceedings of the 35th AAAI. Ahmad, W. U. , Chakraborty, S., Ray, B., & Chang, K. W. (2020). A Transformer-based Approach for Source Code Summarization. In Proceedings of the 58th Annual Meeting of the ACL. Ahmad, W. U. , Zhang, Z., Ma, X., Chang, K. W., & Peng, N. (2019). Cross-lingual Dependency Parsing with Unlabeled Auxiliary Languages. In Proceedings of the 23rd Conference on CoNLL. Ahmad, W. U. , Zhang, Z., Ma, X., Hovy, E., Chang, K. W., & Peng, N. (2019). On Difficulties of Cross-Lingual Transfer with Order Differences: A Case Study on Dependency Parsing. In Proceedings of the 17th Annual Conference of the NAACL-HLT.	
Industrial Experience	Applied Scientist , AWS AI Labs [10/2021 – Present] Amazon Web Services, Santa Clara, California Research Intern , Language and Translation Technology [06/2020 – 09/2020] Facebook AI, Menlo Park, California Research Intern , Ad Quality Science [06/2019 – 09/2019] Yahoo Research, Sunnyvale, California Research Intern , Business Applications Group [06/2018 – 09/2018] Microsoft AI and Research, Redmond, Washington Research Intern , Wireless Fraud Prevention [06/2016 – 08/2016] Walmart Labs, Reston, Virginia	
Awards & Scholarships	Graduate Fellowship , University of California, Los Angeles [2017 – 18] William L Ballard Jr Endowed Graduate Fellowship , University of Virginia [Spring, 2017] Graduate Fellowship , University of Virginia [2015 – 16]	
Professional Services	Senior Program Committee/Program Committee/Reviewer 2023: AAAI, ICLR 2022: NeurIPS, EMNLP, ICML, SIGIR, IJCAI, KDD, ARR, LREC, AAAI, WSDM, ICLR 2021: NeurIPS, EMNLP, SIGIR, ACL-IJCNLP, NAACL, IJCAI, EACL, AAAI 2020: EMNLP, ICML, IJCAI, AAAI, LREC	