

# YASH MAURYA

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## Objective

I am passionate about the convergence of Privacy, Machine Learning, Responsible and Explainable AI.  
I hope to work on reliable and robust privacy designs for the societal good.

## Education

### Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh

*Master of Science in Information Technology - Privacy Engineering*

Aug 2023 – Dec 2024

GPA: 3.97/4

### Manipal Institute of Technology, Manipal

*Bachelors of Technology in Computer and Communication Engineering*

July 2018 – July 2022

GPA: 8.49/10

## Experience

### Samsung Electronics

*R&D Engineer*

July 2022 – Aug 2023

Noida, India

- Submitted proposal for Samsung Discover 2.0 by adding new features using knowledge graphs & panoptic segmentation
- Collaborated with IIT-Delhi to engineer innovative taxonomy construction pipelines from raw data, enhancing robustness of Samsung News' new recommendation system
- Leveraged C++, Python, PyTorch, Keras and Android SDK to drive project success

### Samsung Electronics

*R&D Intern*

Feb 2022 – June 2022

Noida, India

- Researched deep reinforcement learning in video compression, producing a comprehensive literature survey
- Engineered scalable lightweight recommendation systems using deep learning tailored for mobile devices
- Applied Java, Python, Tensorflow.js, PyTorch, and Android to develop and deploy recommendation systems

### DynamoFL (YC W22)

*Federated Learning Researcher*

Feb 2021 – Aug 2021

Remote

- Researched convergence optimization methods and communication efficient techniques for using Federated Learning with Differential Privacy for computer vision datasets
- Implemented secure server aggregation algorithms to replicate claimed accuracy real-world datasets
- Conducted experiments in various data settings, including Vertical (SplitNN), Horizontal, and Hybrid FL
- Utilized PySyft, Flower, Opacus, PyTorch, Python, JavaScript, HTML, CSS, and AWS to accomplish project goals

## Publications

### Federated Learning for Colorectal Cancer Prediction | [Publication link](#)

June 2022

- Developed a Federated Learning system for Colorectal Cancer Prediction, preserving client privacy while achieving an 86.2% accuracy, on par with the centralized model for IID clients
- Accepted at IEEE Global Conference for Advancement in Technology '22

### Improved variants of Score-CAM via Smoothing and Integrating | [Poster link](#)

June 2021

- Improved Score-CAM by adding smoothing and integration functions as suggested in the SmoothGrad and IntegratedGrad papers.
- Accepted as an extended abstract at RCV workshop at CVPR'21

### IS-CAM: Integrated Score-CAM for axiomatic-based explanations | [Preprint link](#)

Oct 2020

- Inspiration from integration in "IntegratedGrad" and combine it with Score-CAM to conduct faithfulness evaluations.
- IS-CAM performs better than SS-CAM and Score-CAM in terms of faithfulness evaluations, considering the VGG-16 as our baseline model.

## Projects

### Space-JEDI (Junk Elimination and Debris Interception) | *Real-time Path Optimization, Web Dev*

Sept 2023

- Innovative solution predicts satellite positions and plots optimal space garbage collector flight plans
- By continuously tracking and analyzing real-time data from NASA, JEDI is able to effectively monitor and manage objects in Earth's orbit
- Space Theme Winner at HackCMU'2023 hackathon, built in under 20 hours

## Skills

**Privacy and AI:** Privacy Regulations Compliance, Differential Privacy, Data Anonymization, Secure Computing, Privacy-Enhancing Tools, Data Ethics, Secure Communication Protocols, Risk Assessment, Cybersecurity Awareness

**Soft Skills:** : Cross-functional Collaboration, Leadership, Project Management, Ethical Decision-Making