# Yash Kumar Lal

### **CONTACT**

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## **EDUCATION**

Aug '18 - May '20 MSE in Computer Science, Johns Hopkins University

Advisor - Philipp Koehn

CGPA: 4.0/4.0

Aug '14 - May '18 B.Tech. in Computer Science and Engineering, MIT Manipal

Minor - Intelligent Systems

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

Aug 2018 - | Head Teaching Assistant

OOSE and Gateway Computing, Johns Hopkins University

Mentoring students on their projects, carrying out tutorials, labs and grading.

JAN-JUNE 2018 | NLP Intern

ThreatLandscape Cyber Solutions

Built various natural language processing and deep learning modules for the domain of

cybersecurity.

MAY-JULY 2017 | Research Student

Language Technologies Research Centre, IIIT-Hyderabad

Worked on a project to generate neural embeddings for polysemous words. Came up with an iterative concordance-based approach to extend Word2Vec for the same.

MAY-JULY 2016 | Summer Intern, Capital Assist

Snapdeal India

Conducted credit analysis and risk evaluations for sellers on Snapdeal's online platform. Calculated probability of loan default and possible CIBIL scores according to RBI guide-

ines.

FEB-JUNE 2016 | Lead iOS Developer - Remote

Gashuku TV, MI, USA

Developed the beta iOS app for the video content sharing and broadcasting service cater-

ing to small sports organisations.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

**Sentence-Level Adaptation for Low-Resource Languages**. In Proceedings of the AMTA 2019 Workshop on Technologies for MT of Low Resource Languages (LoResMT), 2019.

**De-Mixing Sentiment from Code-Mixed Text**. In Proceedings of the 57th ACL Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics, Student Research Workshop, 2019.

**Johns Hopkins University Submission for WMT News Translation Task**. In Proceedings of the Third Conference on Machine Translation (WMT), 2019.

Identifying Clickbait: A Multi-Strategy Approach Using Neural Networks Engine. In Proceedings of the 41st International ACM SIGIR Conference on Research and Development in Information Retrieval, 2018. Pages: 1225-1228

SWDE: A Sub-Word And Document Embedding Based Engine for Clickbait Detection. In Proceedings of SIGIR 2018 Workshop on Computational Surprise in Information Retrieval, Ann Arbor, MI, USA, July 8-12 (CompS'18, SIGIR)

## **PROJECTS**

#### FEB-MAY 2019 | Optimizing Job Scheduling in Datacenters

Built a simluation of Mesos architecture and experimented with simple machine learning techniques to affect job scheduling.

#### Aug-Nov 2017 | Ping

Ping is a smart platform for language independent communication between users, businesses and their customers. It uses artificial intelligence to get all your messages to you, in the language you prefer. https://pingchat.in

#### APR-JUNE 2017 | Extreme Source Code Summarization

Explore addition of attention mechanism to existing deep learning techniques to create summaries of large codebases. Implementation of https://arxiv.org/abs/1602.03001

#### OCTOBER 2016 | hello friend

SMS service utilising natural language processing to bring essential smartphone features to simple feature phones. http://hello-frrriend.herokuapp.com

#### OCTOBER 2015 | Echo

iOS app to let you listen to music with your friends simultaneously built under the theme of social music. https://github.com/darkarmyIN/Echo

#### ACHIEVEMENTS

- Winner Acceleprise Award, San Francisco, AngelHack Global Demo Day '17
- Winner AngelHack Hyderabad 2017, winner of AWS prize. One of 16 teams from around the world invited to Global Demo Day, Silicon Valley Week, San Francisco 2017
- Adjudged to be in Top 10 in India Microsoft code.fun.do National Showcase 2017
- 3rd place, Microsoft code.fun.do Hackathon, Manipal 2016

#### CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & SERVICE

- Reviewer, European Conference on Information Retrieval, 2019
- Founder MUPy, Manipal's Python developers conference, in association with Python Software Foundation
- Category Head, App Development, MIT Manipal's annual technical & cultural fests