

# Yovin Ransika Yahathugoda

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**LinkedIn Profile** - <https://www.linkedin.com/in/yovin-yahathugoda/> | **Digital Portfolio** - <https://www.yovinyahathugoda.com/>

**Kaggle Profile** - <https://www.kaggle.com/yovinyahathugoda/competitions>

**GitHub Profile** - <https://github.com/yoviny/Deep-learning-Competitions>

## Profile

A confident and organised MSc Data Science student with experience as a Research Engineer in computer vision. I am passionate about Data Science, with practical experience in Data Science competitions in Kaggle. My strong analytical skills and adaptable quality have enabled me to work with multidisciplinary teams to achieve targets. I am looking for a placement year starting in 2022 at a company that would help me apply my academic knowledge and enrich my skills.

## Professional experience

**Self-Employed**, Sri Lanka

20/12/2019 – 19/08/2021

**Freelance Computer Vision Engineer**

- Full-time Kaggle participant involved in Data Science and Deep Learning competitions in areas such as medical and Optical Character recognition (OCR). A selection of completed projects is showcased in the digital portfolio.
- Developed a visual fabric width inspection system as a prototype for a textile manufacturer in Sri Lanka.

**John Keells Research (A division of John Keells Holdings PLC)**, Sri Lanka

02/04/2018 – 30/11/2019

**Research Engineer**

- Devised an imaging system capable of capturing images in multiple wavelengths by developing the electronic design and program code.
- Analysed Multispectral images using image processing techniques to obtain hidden details of the target object.
- Developed a drone based on open-source hardware to match unique requirements.
- Designed PCBs using Eagle PCB and performed circuit simulations in OrCAD.
- Reduced 3D print failures up to **40%** by upgrading existing 3D printer with new hardware and re-programming based on open-source firmware.
- Overcame software and electronic related errors in projects at JKR by troubleshooting and debugging.
- Performing prior art searches related to the research project.
- Participated in team discussions focused on developing novel ideas with a market potential.

**Sri Lanka Ports Authority**, Colombo, Sri Lanka

07/11/2016 - 29/01/2017

**Engineering Intern** - (Part of the industrial training required for the degree)

- Diagnosing faulty networks inside the Colombo Port and supervising network cable repair jobs.
- Upgraded communication line between Engine room and control room of a Tugboat.
- Designed a system to monitor room temperature of Telephone Exchange and sound an alarm when temperature exceeds a certain level.

## Education

**MSc Data Science**

09/2021– Ongoing

**Nottingham Trent University, UK**

Key modules: Software Engineering, Statistical Data Analysis and Visualisation, Applied AI and Data Mining, Deriving Business Value from Data Analytics and Fundamentals of Big Data and its Infrastructure.

**BEng (Hons) Electronic Engineering - 1st Class Honours (74.31%)**

09/2014 – 01/2018

**Sheffield Hallam University, UK**

- Thesis title: Navigation System to Assist the Visually Impaired using Stereo Vision and Audio Feedback - This included Computer Vision and Machine Learning using Python, OpenCV and LIBSVM.

## Core Competencies

**Programming** - Python, C, C++ (Intermediate level), OpenCV, PyTorch, TensorFlow, Keras, Pandas, Linux

**Software** – Eagle PCB, OrCAD, Matlab, Arduino, Visual Studio, Microsoft Office Suite

**Languages** – English (Fluent) & Sinhala (Native)

### Transferrable skills

- **Communication** - Successfully defending presentations during external investor meetings at John Keells Research.
- **Time management** – Committed to meeting deadlines and achieving weekly objectives in multiple projects by prioritising workloads while working as a Research Engineer.
- **Leadership** – Organised workshops and events while serving as the President of Aeronautical Club in Secondary School. Managing team members in undergraduate group projects as group leader to ensure all work is completed. Served as batch representative in the final year of undergraduate studies.
- **Project management** - Identified and procured equipment and components required for the research project at John Keells Research.
- **Problem Solving/Critical Thinking** – Providing solutions to problems faced while working on novel research projects and meet strict deadlines while working at John Keells Research.

## Memberships

**Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET)** – Member (MIET)

**2018 - Present**

**Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)** - Member

**2016 – Present**

## Certifications

[Big Data Specialisation](#) - University of California San Diego

**03/05/2020**

[Deep Learning Specialisation](#) - By Andrew Ng

**08/01/2020**

[DL0101EN: Deep Learning Fundamentals with Keras](#) - IBM

**30/11/2019**

[PH125.8x: Data Science: Machine Learning](#) - HarvardX

**27/11/2019**

## Interests & Achievements

### AI/Deep Learning competitions

- Ranked in the **top 3%** (59<sup>th</sup> out of 2059 participants) of the [Bengali handwritten classification](#) challenge hosted on Kaggle.

### Extra-Curricular Activities

- Volunteering – John Keells Foundation (CSR), Buddhist Society of Lyceum International School Nugegoda
- President of Aeronautical Club at Lyceum International School Nugegoda.
- Shortlisted in two categories in the [Astronomy Photographer of Year 2021](#) competition hosted by Royal Museums Greenwich, UK. Nominated for the People's Choice Award in the same competition.

## References

References available upon request