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EDUCATION

2017-2021* Bachelor of Technology - Computer Science and Engineering - Indian Institute of Technology Kapnur

Cummulative Grade Point/CGPA: 9.53/10.0

2017 High-School ISC Diploma - Hill Top School, Jamshedpur, 97.0% score

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HONOURS & AWARDS

2018, 2019	Academic Excellence Award - for outstanding academic achievement in respective year
2017-21	Aditya Birla Scholarship - Among 15 candidates across all IITs
2017	Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana Scholarship
2017	All India Rank 193 Joint Entrance Examination Mains, 1.5 million candidates
2017	All India Rank 120 Joint Entrance Examination Advanced, 200,000 candidates
2017	Gold Medal Indian National Physics Olympiad
2016	All India Rank 30 National Science Talent Search Examination
2016	National Standard Examination Physics Chemistry Astronomy Top 6 in state

Work Experience

Present Jan 2020

Research Assistant, Max Planck Institute for Software Systems, Kaiserslautern, Germany

Practical Formal Methods, Dr. Maria Christakis

- > Formalized and designed a new Abstract Interpretation based approach to verify hybrid software.
- > Implemented a symbiotic framework by extending an Abstract Interpretation engine called crab and used it to formally verify a software with a Neural Network for safety properties.
- > This work is currently under review at TACAS (ETAPS '21).

Seahorn Crab Clam C++ Abstract Interpretation Program verification

Sept 2020 Jun 2020

Research Intern, Ecole Polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland (remote)

Network Architecture Lab, Prof. Katerina Argyraki

- > Extended Bolt to give run time performance guarantees for Software Network Functions by analysing them at LLVM-IR level allowing performance predictions to be more portable (predicting performance agnostic of underlying hardware).
- > Used KLEE for exhaustive symbolic execution and computed software level metrics in LLVM to compare relative predictions with x86. Implemented proof-of-concept for the Bridge and NAT Network Functions.
- > A report of the work can be found here.

KLEE | BOLT | LLVM | eBPF | Software Performance

Jun 2020 May 2020

| Software Development Intern, MASTERCARD, Pune, India (remote)

github.com/mc-internship/covid19visualizer

- > Built a dashboard to track updates and developments of rising COVID-19 cases in India.
- > Implemented strong, industry standard devops principles to create production ready code with support for Continuous Integration and Continuous Deployment.
- > A blueprint of the CI/CD pipeline can be seen here. Project can be see here (no longer actively maintained).

COVID-19 Web Development DevOps

July 2019 May 2019

Research Intern, PURDUE UNIVERSITY, West Lafayette, Indiana, USA

Purdue Formal Methods Reseach Lab, Prof. Roopsha Samanta

- > Developed infrastructure to transpile a parsed C program to a Static-Single-Assignment form Boolean Program; with intent to reason about program behaviour using an SMT-solver like **Z3**.
- > Worked on formalizing a novel framework for statement-level multi-line automated program repair using CPAChecker that leverages lazy predicate abstraction for automated reasoning about incorrect program behaviour and a code synthesizer to suggest repairs based on satisfying models from a pMaxSAT query.

Java Ant Antler CPAChecker Z3 Program Repair

July 2018 May 2018

Member of Technical Staff, NUTANIX, Bangalore, India

- > Worked on CALM, Nutanix's application-orchestration tool that allows clients to manage state and replicas of their applications and VMs at all stages in the deployment cycle.
- > Implemented from scratch a task for their suite that allows users to configure and authenticate to third-party rEST servers to fetch any information and set as properties on machine as per the deployment requirement.
- > Work included adding a web-UI component (ReactJs), embedded document models at the backend (Python) and a GoLang based task executor instance on their proprietary execution framework.
- > Received returning offer for internships in later breaks.

Python | Javascript | ReactJs | GoLang | micro-service architecture

</> PROJETS

Undergraduate Research Project

SEP-DEC 2020

Explored the smack tool-chain, and fixed the Angelic Verifier within corral for current version of smack. Identified benchmarks for buffer-overflow bugs, and currently working on developing an AV Property Language to detect buffer-overflows.

Smack Corral Boogie Angelic Verification

PROGRAM ANALYSIS AND VERIFICATION - CS639

SEP-NOV 2020

github.com/yugeshk/CS639 github.com/yugeshk/CS639-Assignments

Used Angelic Verification to analyze WebAssembly programs for memory safety bugs.

Implemented multiple control-flow and dataflow analysis techniques for a subset of the python grammar.

Faint Variable Analysis CFG construction AST parsing

Oz Interreter - Course Project for CS350

OCT-Nov 2018

github.com/yugeshk/CS350

A minimal interpreter for Oz as part of my coursework for CS350 (Principles of Programming Languages). A declarative-concurrent interpreter based on the Kernel language (management of the SAS, Multi-stack, execution environment, etc.

Oz programming-languages functional-programming

MICROSOFT CODE.FUN.DO - NATIONAL WINNER

MAY 2018

☑ WorldNewSense

Machine learning hackathon project that used the NLTK library for Natural Language Processing and Sentiment Analysis to summarize, filter and present news articles on World Politics filtered by topics and countries; scraped and analyzed over a year's news data to predict relations between countries.

Django NLP Heroku jQuery D3.js

LIFE@IITK - PROGRAMMING CLUB, IIT KANPUR - PROJECT TEAM LEAD

May 2019-Present

github.com/life-iitk

Unified web-app for all activities, updates and personal schedule (including individual academic and non-academic student-body updates) at IIT Kanpur. End-to-end implementation of prototype developed as *Personalized Notification Portal*. Managing depolyment as micro-services on college VMs.

 ReactJs
 Django
 CentOS
 Nginx
 Dockers
 Software-development
 project-management

SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT LAB PROJECT

AUG 2019

github.com/yugeshk/hotel-management

Developed a hotel management portal using LAMP technologies that allows different end-users (i.e., manager, employees and customers) to perform different actions like complaint management, room booking and servive, salary management etc.

[Linux] (Apache2) (MySql) (php) (docker-compose) (web-hosting)

SAT Solver - Complimentary Sudoku generator-solver for validity

OCT 2018

github.com/yugeshk/CS202

SAT solvers, one implemented using custom heuristics using the semantic-tableaux approach another using randomized techniques. A logic based sudoku solver and generator that encodes a sudoku in DIMACS format to check for validity of the solver. Bench-marked various types of encodings against miniSAT.

Python SAT-solvers Formal-Methods Computer-logic

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming C++, Python, Java, GoLang, Bash and Shell Scripting, Haskell, OCaml

Software KLEE, Seahorn, Smack, Corral, Emscripten

Web JavaScript, NodeJs, MongoDB, ReactJs, Django, PostgreSql, GraphQL Misc. Git, Travis CI, Jira, Jenkins, Puppet, Dockers, Nginx, ₺₸₣X, Heroku

⊘ Relevant Coursework

Program Verification & Testing

Fundamentals of Computing* Advanced Algorithms Software Development Lab Convex Optimization Introduction to Real Analysis Computer Networks# Operating Systems
Theory of Computation
Introduction to Machine Learning
Systems Programming Lab
Probability and Statistics
Partial Differential Equations
Compiler Construction#

Principles of Programming Languages
Data Structures and Algorithms
Parallel & High Performance Computing
Mathematics for Computer Science
Logic In Computer Science
Linear Algebra and ODE

Analysis of Concurrent Programs[#]

7 Positions of Responsibility

July 2019 May 2019

Overall Coordinator, SUMMER OF CODE, IIT Kanpur | 🗗 IITK-SoC

- > Organized and coordinated an industry funded Summer of Code program at IIT Kanpur that trained 100 students in Full Stack Development, with end projects aimed at creating societal impact.
- > Structured program curriculum, lectures and timeline. Served as mentor to students during the coding phase.

Apr 2020 Apr 2019

Coordinator, Programming Club, IIT Kanpur

- > Coordinator for all student-organized programming activities at IIT Kanpur organized workshops, gave lectures, and mentored projects.
- > Started a now popular 8 languages in 8 weeks summer project at IIT Kanpur covering all major paradigms : procedural, object-oriented, functional and logic programming.

Apr 2019 Aug 2018

Academic Mentor, Counselling Services, IIT Kanpur

> Student volunteer for teaching and helping freshers with the course Fundamentals of Computing.

Present Jan 2019

Systems Administrator, STUDENT SERVERS, IIT Kanpur

Manage a couple CentOS VMs, that run multiple campus software, nginx reverse proxies, dockerized microservices and database clusters.

Apr 2019 Jul 2018

Software Manager, TECHKRITI - TECHNICAL FESTIVAL, IIT Kanpur

> Overall manager of all programming and software related events for Techkriti '19. Designed problem statements and conducted 4 programming events, that saw a participation of over 2000 students.

Present Aug 2018

Student Member, Departmental Undergraduate Committee, CSE, IIT Kanpur

> Student member nominated to departmental committee that handles all undergraduate academic policies.

^{*} \equiv Outstanding # \equiv Upcoming **bold** \equiv Graduate course