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EDUCATION

University of Pune, India <i>Bachelor of Engineering (Computer Engineering), 6th Semester</i> Overall Percentage: 77% First Position in College Eighth Position in University with over 100 Engineering Schools	2012 - 2016
Delhi Public School, Jaipur <i>CBSE, Class XII (Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Multimedia and Web Technology)</i> Percentage: 94% , Second Position in Class	2010 - 2012
St. Joseph's Convent School, Pathankot <i>CBSE, Class X (Science, Mathematics and English)</i> GPA: 10	2008 - 2010

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Robotics Institute Summer Scholarship, 2015 (Awarded to 30 students worldwide to pursue research at CMU)
- IET Scholarship Award, West Zone Winner, 2014 (Awarded to Top 5 students across India)
- Science Academies' Summer Research Fellowship, 2014 at IISc, Bangalore
- Sir Ratan Tata Memorial Scholarship, for standing 1st in Computer Department, 2014 & 2013.
- Merit Scholarships by Indian Army for excellence in academics in the years 2014, 2013, 2012 & 2010.
- Selected for INSPIRE, Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research program, Rajasthan University, 2010.

INTERNSHIPS AND RESEARCH

Carnegie Mellon Univeristy <i>Research Intern, Auton Lab, School of Computer Science, CMU</i> · Guide: Prof. Artur Dubraswki , Carnegie Mellon University · Project: ' Machine Learning based Entity Resolution to Identify Human Trafficking '. · As part of the DARPA MEMEX initiative, developed a semi-supervised Entity Resolution model using Random Forest Classification to identify sparse links in online posted escort advertisements. · Isolated connected components using features like Phone Numbers as proxy ground truth for the classifier. · Applied Rule Learning and Hypothesis Testing on the isolated clusters.	July - Aug 2015
MIT Media Lab <i>Design Innovation Workshop, Ahemadabad, India</i> · Project: ' Smart-Shake: Data Transfer through a Handshake '. · Developed a Bluetooth BLE hardware platform to exchange contact information using haptic feedback. · Prototype also consisted of an Android app ecosystem, to ensure data privacy.	Jan 2015
Carnegie Mellon Univeristy <i>IPTSE Winter School 2014 at NIT Karnataka, Surathkal</i> · Guide: Prof. Bhiksha Raj & Prof. Rita Singh , Carnegie Mellon University · Project: ' What Impact does an Image Generate on Social Media? '. · Applied Kernel Density Estimation to analyse seasonal variation in geo tagged Flickr images. · Worked on ARMA models to predict growth of comments and ads in Flickr. · Carried out sentiment analysis of comments stream using Naive Bayes classifier trained on movie reviews. · Extracted Topical Models from image tags using Latent Dirchlet Allocation.	Dec 2014
Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore <i>Winter Research Intern, Supercomputer Education and Research Center</i> · Guide: Prof. N. Balakrishnan , Associate Director, Indian Institute of Science · Project: ' Density based Clustering of Topically Modelled Microblogs '. · Developed an extension to DBSCAN using a gaussian and sigmoid relation to improve geospatial clustering. · Entire code was parallelized using python multiprocessing and run on a 32 core mainframe with linear scale-up.	Nov 2014

- Guide: **Prof. N. Balakrishnan**, Associate Director, Indian Institute of Science
- Project: '**Application of Machine Learning Techniques for Twitter User Classification**'.
- Developed Python scripts for Tweet mining using Twitter REST and Streaming API.
- Utilised NLTK and SciKit to implement algorithms like Decision Trees, Naive Bayes and SVMs on features like description, followers, friends.
- Presented results to Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, **Shri. E.S.L Narasimhan**.

Netaji Subhas Institute of Technology, New Delhi

Dec 2013 - Jan 2014

- Guide: **Prof. DV Gadre**, Associate Professor, NSIT, New Delhi
- Mentored undergraduate students from leading universities in India on TI Microcontrollers.
- Trained students on software packages, CadSoft EAGLE and TI Code Composer Studio.
- Guided students with embedded system projects on TI MSP430 and ARM Cortex M4.

PROJECTS

SentiBand - Mood Sensing Hairband

Nov 2015

- A Wi-Fi hairband that lights up depending on your mood that it senses from Twitter.
- Uses Sentiment140 to determine the sentiment of a user's tweet.
- Featured on leading electronics blog **Hack A Day**.

Exploring the Language of Likes in Facebook

Sep - Oct 2014

- Developed Python scripts to extract 'likes' from Facebook user profiles and pages using the Graph API.
- Utilised networkx python to generate massive graphs from stored data.
- Utilised Gephi to generate visualisations using OpenOrd, Yifan Hu, Force Atlas etc. algorithms.

Spatio-Topical Modelling of Tweets from India

Aug - Sep 2014

- Utilised 'R' packages, 'tm' and 'topicmodels' to carry out topical categorisation of a corpus of over 400,000 geo-located tweets by applying Latent Dirichlet Allocation.
- Topic wise visualisations of tweets were generated using package 'mapdata'
- Implemented a fuzzy geographical clustering algorithm based on DBSCAN for topical clustering.

Wireless Environment Sensing Network with IoT extension

Mar - Apr 2014

- Developed an environment sensing node with LM35, DHT11, LDR interfaced to MSP430 and XBee.
- Coordinator node was developed on ARM A8 based BeagleBone Black serving a processing.js webpage.
- Work was featured on leading electronics blog, **Hack A Day**, **Dangerous Protoypes**, **Official MSP430 Blog** and stood 1st in '**Amalgam**' college project competition, 2014

GPIO Access Through Linux User Space

Nov - Dec 2013

- Implemented a novel technique of GPIO access using the Linux mmap() system function and /dev/mem.
- Studied the architecture of the TI AM3359 ARM A8 Controller with special regard to GPIO addressing.
- Achieved a GPIO toggle rate of over 2MHz as compared to the standard 3kHz speed.
- Work was featured on leading electronics blog, **Hack A Day**.

*Complete details of other projects at www.chiragnagpal.com/projects.html***PUBLICATIONS**

- **C. Nagpal**, K. Miller, B. Boecking, A. Dubrawski, 'An Entity Resolution approach to isolate instances of Human Trafficking online', *RI Summer Scholars Journal, 2015*
- **C. Nagpal**, K. Miller, B. Boecking, A. Dubrawski, 'Robust Entity Resolution using High Precision Proxy Labels', *RI Summer Scholars Poster Session, 2015*
- **C. Nagpal**, N. Kodali, M. Arora, N. Sharath, R. Katyal, 'Predicting the impact of an image on Social Networks', *CMU IPTSE Winter School Poster Session, 2014*
- Book Review 'Getting Started with Electronic Projects' by Bill Pretty, *PACKT Publishers, UK ISBN: 9781783554515*
- **C. Nagpal**, K. Singhal, 'Twitter User Classification Using Ambient Tweet Metadata', Arxiv

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming Languages	C/C++, Python, Java, Shell Scripting, R, Latex, Qt, Processing
Platforms	x86, Arduino, MSP430, ARM Cortex M4, ARM Cortex A8
Operating Systems	Unix, Linux, Embedded Linux, Windows
Tools	NLTK, WEKA, EAGLE, Eclipse IDE, Xilinx ISE, GIMP

OUTREACH

Have been featured multiple times on leading websites, links below:

- <http://hackaday.com/2015/12/07/hairband-lights-up-depending-on-your-mood/>
- <http://dangerousprototypes.com/2015/04/06/keep-an-eye-on-the-sky-with-the-sat-light/>
- <http://hackaday.com/2014/04/06/hackaday-links-april-6-2014/>
- <http://dangerousprototypes.com/2014/03/31/beaglebone-black-and-msp430-based-wireless-sensing/>
- <http://hackaday.com/2013/12/07/speeding-up-beaglebone-black-gpio-a-thousand-times/>
- <http://dangerousprototypes.com/2013/12/18/laser-pointer-controlled-with-a-pc-mouse/01111>

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- 1st position in 'Amalgam', alumni sponsored project competition, AIT Pune, 2014
- Selected for MIT Media Lab DI Workshop, India, 2015
- All India Rank 5, 'National Creativity Aptitude Test', 2013
- All India Rank 41, National Defence Academy Services Selection Board, 2012 conducted by UPSC.

EXTRA CURRICULAR

- Open Source contributor to popular Machine Learning Libraries, Scikit-Learn, GenSim.
- Founder of the AIT Big Data and Pervasive Systems Initiative, a student led research group. Tutored juniors in Web Scraping, Data Mining, Distributed Systems and Revision Control.
- Student Member, IEEE
- Qualified Amateur Station Operator (HAM Radio) Call Sign VU2CND
- Attended workshop on 'Creativity and Achievement Motivation' at IIT, Delhi after qualifying NCAT, 2013.
- Board Member, College Magazine, 'Srijna' and Team Member of College Quiz and Debate Club.
- Hobbies include Horse Riding, Swimming, Basketball & Golf.