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## EDUCATION

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**Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Delhi**

*August 2014 - April 2018*

B.Tech (Hons.) in Electronics and Communication & Engineering

Minor in Artificial Intelligence

Department Rank - 1

Overall GPA: 8.93/10

Best Academic Performance Award and Best Thesis Award

## RELEVANT COURSEWORK

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Artificial Intelligence, Advanced Machine Learning, Machine learning, Deep Learning

Computer Vision, Image Analysis, Robotics, Compressive Sensing, Reinforcement Learning

Optimal Control Theory, Statistical Signal Processing, Data Structures and Algorithms

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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**Expertise Area**

Machine (Deep) Learning, Computer Vision, Graph Learning, Time Series

**Programming Languages**

Python, C++, C, Matlab, Java

**Deep Learning Libraries**

Pytorch, Tensorflow, Keras, Caffe, Mxnet

**Libraries**

Scikit-learn, OpenCV, NLTK, Numpy, Flask, MySQL

**Tools**

Kubernetes, Docker, Jenkins, MLflow, Spark

## EXPERIENCE

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**Mastercard**

June 2021 - Present

*Senior Research Engineer*

*Gurgaon, India*

- Research on graph learning for utilizing graph structure between merchants and customers
- Downstream applications include carbon footprint estimation, next transaction prediction
- Foundation Models for Graphs, potentially overhaul the current transactions processing algorithms
- Research paper on Neural Models for Tabular Data accepted in IJCNN-2023
- Research paper on Universal Graph Embeddings using GNNs accepted in ECML PKDD-2023

**Huawei Noah's Ark**

March 2020 - April 2021

*Research Engineer, Computer Vision*

*Toronto, Canada*

- Research on facial estimation problems (Gaze modeling, Drowsiness) and object tracking
- Build android applications for deploying above research involving Java and C++ development
- Research paper on emotion recognition accepted in FG 2021

**Borealis AI**

February 2019 - Feb 2020

*Research Software Engineer*

*Waterloo, Canada*

- Worked on problems in FinTech domain utilizing NLP techniques
- Worked on an in-house ML platform for tracking, reproducibility and visualization of ML model runs
- Contributed to a survey paper on Dynamic Knowledge Graphs, accepted in JMLR

**IBM Research**  
*Research Engineer*

May 2018 - February 2019  
*New Delhi, India*

- Wrote the Pytorch backend of Neural Network Modeler (NNM) available via Watson Studio
- Built Extensions of DLPaper2Code feature in NNM, improved object detection and OCR capabilities
- Worked on a better Testing Framework for DL Models. Manuscript : <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1911.07309.pdf>
- Two Papers Accepted in AAAI'18

**IBM Research**  
*Research Internship*

May 2017 - July 2017  
*Bangalore, India*

- Worked on Neural Network Modeler (a drag-n-drop Deep Learning IDE).
- Implemented a feature which converts Deep Learning research papers to associated code in libraries like Keras, Theano and Tensorflow.
- Wrote a PDF Ingestion Engine in Python.
- Two Papers Accepted in AAAI'18 and one in CODS-COMAD'18.

**Coding Elements**  
*Part Time Instructor*

March 2018 - March 2019  
*New Delhi, India*

- Taught Courses on Machine Learning and Python.
- Covered various Aspects of Machine Learning including Supervised, Unsupervised and Reinforcement.
- Taught students to develop state of the art Deep learning systems including OCR engine and Self-Driving Car Simulator.

**IIIT-Delhi**  
*Research Internship*

May 2016 - July 2016  
*New Delhi, India*

- Worked on Medical Image Analysis using Deep Learning Techniques.
- Used Sparse Stacked Autoencoder for purpose of automated Segmentation of Basal Ganglia region in Brain MRI scans.
- Paper accepted in ICVGIP'16.

**Cube 26 Software**  
*Data Science Internship*

March 2016 - April 2016  
*New Delhi, India*

- Worked on Monaural Speech Separation using Deep Neural Networks.
- Preprocessed Data using STFT and used the Deep Network for the prediction of Foreground Mask.

## PUBLICATIONS

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- AutoTabTransformer: Hierarchical Transformers for Self and Semi Supervised Learning in Tabular Data  
International Joint Conference on Neural Networks (IJCNN), 2023  
**Akshay Sethi**, Sonia Gupta, Siddhartha Asthana
- Learning Representations for Bipartite Graphs using Self-Supervised Multi-Task Learning  
European Conference on Machine Learning (ECML-PKDD), 2023  
**Akshay Sethi**, Sonia Gupta, Siddhartha Asthana
- Relational Representation Learning for Dynamic Graphs: A Survey  
Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR), 2020  
Seyed Mehran Kazemi, Rishab Goel, **Akshay Sethi**, Pascal Poupart

- Residual Codean Autoencoder for Facial Attribute Analysis  
Pattern Recognition Letters, 2018  
**Akshay Sethi**, Maneet Singh, Richa Singh, Mayank Vatsa
- DLPaper2Code: Auto-generation of Code from Deep Learning Research Papers  
AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), 2018  
**Akshay Sethi**, Anush Sankaran, Naveen Panwar, Shreya Khare, Senthil Mani
- DARVIZ : A Visually IDE to build Deep Learning Models  
AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) Demo Track, 2018  
Anush Sankaran, Naveen Panwar, Shreya Khare, Senthil Mani, **Akshay Sethi**, Rahul Aralikkatte, Neelamadhav Gantayat
- DARVIZ: A Visual IDE to build Deep Learning Models  
The ACM India Joint International Conference on Data Science and Management of Data (CoDS-COMAD) Demo Track, 2018  
Shreya Khare, Naveen Panwar, **Akshay Sethi**, Anush Sankaran, Senthil Mani, Rahul Aralikkatte, Neelamadhav Gantayat
- Deep Neural Networks for Segmentation of Basal Ganglia substructures in Brain MR Images  
The Indian Conference on Computer Vision, Graphics and Image Processing (ICVGIP), 2016  
**Akshay Sethi**, Ayush Agarwal, Akshat Sinha, Chetan Arora, Anubha Gupta

## PATENTS

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- System and Method for Guided Policy Generation from Data for Augmentation  
**Akshay Sethi**, Srikanth Tamilselvam, Anush Sankaran, Senthil Mani
- System and Method for Data Insights based Test Case Generation  
Shreya Khare, Srikanth Tamilselvam, Anush Sankaran, Senthil Mani, **Akshay Sethi**
- System and Method for Universal Representation Learning in Bipartite Graphs  
**Akshay Sethi**, Sonia Gupta, Aakarsh Malhotra, Siddhartha Asthana
- System and Method for Learning Hierarchical Transformers in Limited Labelled Data  
**Akshay Sethi**, Sonia Gupta, Siddhartha Asthana

## PRE-PRINTS

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- Coverage Testing of Deep Learning Models using Dataset Characterization  
Under Submission to Foundations of Software Engineering Conference (FSE)  
**Akshay Sethi**, Senthil Mani, Srikanth Tamilselvam, Anush Sankaran
- Dictionary Learning Based Sparse Representation Multi-Label Classifier  
Under Submission to Trans. of Knowledge and Data Engineering  
**Akshay Sethi**, Anugshul Majumdar, Mayank Vatsa, Richa Singh