

# Ankit Kumar

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## Education

### Khoury College of Computer Sciences, Northeastern University

Boston, US

PHD IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

September 2018 –

- GPA: 3.86/4
- Courses: Special Topics: Formal Methods, Special Topics: Programming Languages, Compilers, Theory of Computation, Advanced Algorithms, Foundations of Distributed Systems, Principles of Scalable Data Management

### Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur

Kanpur, India

M.TECH IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

July 2015 – June 2017

- CPI: 8.67/10
- Courses: Type Theoretic Foundations of Programming Languages, Programs Proofs and Types, Category Theory, Functional Programming, Mathematics for Computer Science, Finite Automata on Infinite Inputs, Principles of Programming Languages, Design and Analysis of Algorithms, Online Learning and Optimization

### Indian Institute of Technology, Varanasi

Varanasi, India

B.TECH IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

July 2006 – May 2010

- GPA: 7.94/10

### Delhi Public School

Dhanbad, India

SCHOOLING

- 12th Board (CBSE 2006): 89.8%, awarded proficiency in Physics by CBSE board
- 10th Board (CBSE 2004): 92.2%, awarded proficiency in Maths by CBSE board

## Publications

### Formal Model-Driven Analysis of Resilience of GossipSub to Attacks from Misbehaving Peers (Under Review)

San Francisco, California

SECURITY AND PRIVACY 2023

May 2023

- Authors : Ankit Kumar, Max Von Hippel, Cristina Nita Rotaru and Pete Manolios
- Formalized the GossipSub P2P protocol in ACL2s and reasoned about four general properties we proposed. We verified Ethereum and Filecoin configurations of GossipSub against Sybil attacks.
- Based on the the vulnerabilities we found in one of the configurations, we synthesized an attack and filed a CVE

### Automated Grading of Automata with ACL2s

Haifa, Israel

THEU 2022

December 2022

- Authors : Ankit Kumar, Andrew Walter and Pete Manolios
- Introduced Automatic Automata Checker (A2C) library to provide automatic feedback to students for constructing Finite automata, Push Down automata and Turing machines: <https://github.com/ankitku/A2C>

### Mathematical Programming Modulo Strings

Zoom

FMCAD 2021

October 2021

- Authors : Ankit Kumar and Pete Manolios
- Introduced a new branching transition system TranSeq for deciding the satisfiability of conjunctions of string equations. TranSeq is an extension of the Mathematical Programming Modulo Theories (MPMT) constraint solving framework and is designed to enable useful and computationally efficient inferences that reduce the search space, that encode certain string constraints and theory lemmas as integer linear constraints and that otherwise split problems into simpler cases, via branching. Implemented a prototype, SeqSolve, in ACL2s, which uses Z3 as a back-end solver : <https://github.com/ankitku/SeqSolve>

## Research Projects

### Formalization of Remora in ACL2s

Boston, US

READINGS COURSE PROJECT

Fall 2018

- Implemented an interpreter for the explicitly typed version of the Remora language: <https://www.ccs.neu.edu/~pete/pub/esop14-full.pdf> in ACL2s and proved some useful properties about it: <https://gitlab.com/remora/type-systems/remora-formalization>

## Polymorphic extension of a language combining proofs and types

Kanpur, India

M.TECH DISSERTATION

Oct 2016 - May 2017

- Worked on extending the LTheta language proposed in Casinghino et al's MSFP 2012 paper "Step-Indexed Normalization for a Language with General Recursion" with polymorphic types.
- Proved type safety of the programmatic fragment and normalisation of the logical fragment of the extended language.  
Link to thesis : <http://ankitku.github.io/thesis.pdf>

## Mechanizing the Metatheory of TAL-0 Language

Kanpur, India

COURSE PROJECT

Aug - Nov 2016

- Mechanized the proof of soundness of the TAL-0 type system in Coq. TAL-0 type system was introduced by Greg Morrisett in his paper Typed Assembly Language. This project was undertaken as part of Programs, Proofs and Types course taken by Prof. Piyush P. Kurur.  
Project repository : <https://github.com/ankitku/TAL0>

## Teaching Experience

### Khoury College of Computer Sciences

Boston, US

TA

Sept. 2018 -

- I have been a TA for Theory of Computation, Logic and Computation and Algorithms courses at Khoury. My duties as TA have included writing Autograders (based on the ACL2s theorem prover to automatically grade and provide feedback), setting up exam problems and holding office hours.

### IIT Kanpur

Kanpur, India

TUTOR

Aug - Nov 2016, Jan - Apr 2017

- As a tutor for the course Esc101 titled "Fundamentals in Computing", my duties included giving course lectures, setting lab problems and clearing doubts. I was selected to continue as tutor for the next semester (Jan-Apr 2017) as well.
- In Jan - Apr 2017, under the guidance of Prof. Rajat Mittal and Prof. Sandeep Shukla of CSE Dept., we tutors teamed up to record lectures for the Esc101 course in Hindi, and upload them to the online courses link of IITK. Hence students who face trouble attending lectures in English in class can refer the same lectures in Hindi on the online courses website. Link to one of my lectures : <https://youtu.be/IReBFFxiPBE>

## Professional Experience

### Amazon

Minneapolis, USA

APPLIED SCIENTIST INTERN

May 2022 - September 2022

- Proposed and demoed using taint-analysis for cloud level tracking of critical data across AWS resources

### Olacabs

Bangalore, India

SDE II

September 2012 - November 2014

- Rewrote the second version of Olacabs android consumer app.
- Performance enhancement of the Olacabs driver app which sends the location of cab to backend services.
- Worked on cashless payment and online wallet systems.
- Skills: Android, Ruby on Rails, shell, mysql, mongoDB

### Morgan Stanley Advantage Services

Mumbai, India

ASSOCIATE

August 2010 - September 2012

- Worked on updates and maintenance of Third Party Derivatives trading platform, and rolled it out to new markets by making the code region aware, modular and pluggable.
- Developed an app that could visualize data in large xml files, validate them against their schema files and identify cross linking between two xml files.
- Skills: Java EE, Spring, C#, Hibernate, shell, Sybase

## Awards and Achievements

2016	<b>Pin-Bhabha Pass trek</b> , Successfully completed 7 day trek organized by the Adventure Club at IIT Kanpur.	Himachal Pradesh, India
2013	<b>First Prize</b> , Hacknight at Droidcon India	Bangalore, India
2013	<b>Third Prize</b> , Tnooz THack	Bangalore, India
2009	<b>Third Prize</b> , AnaDigix, Sparx IIT (ISM), Dhanbad	Dhanbad, India
2005	<b>Second Place</b> , All India Erore Scholarship Exam	Dhanbad, India
2004	<b>Third Place</b> , Regional Mathematics Olympiad, Chhotanagpur Mathemematical Society	Bokaro, India
2000	<b>State Level Winner</b> , Amul-cheese boy and butter girl contest, Surabhi	Anand, India