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Education

- Ph.D., Dept. of EECS, University of California, Berkeley, 1989.
- M.S. in Computer Science. University of California, Berkeley, 1984.
- B.Tech. in Electrical Engineering. Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi, 1982.

Professional Experience

2001-present University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Professor, Computer Science Division, Department of EECS.

1995-2001 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Associate Professor, Computer Science Division, Department of EECS.

5/99-6/99 Visiting Research Scientist, GMD-IPSI, Darmstadt, Germany.

10/95-5/96 IBM T.J. Watson Research Center, Yorktown Heights, Visiting Research Scientist (on sabbatical leave from the University of Michigan).

1989-1995 University of Michigan. Assistant Professor, Computer Science Division, Department of EECS.

Awards and Honors

- ITR Award from the National Science Foundation, 2000.
- Inclusion of the the Upper Atmospheric Research Collaboratory project in the Smithsonian Permanent Collections and selection as one of the finalists in the 1998 Smithsonian/Computerworld award for the best Science project.
- Research Excellence Award, Department of EECS, University of Michigan, 1996-97.
- Irving and Lucille Smith Fellowship, Computer Science, University of California, Berkeley, 1988-89.
- Passed with distinction, Ph.D. thesis qualifying examination presentation, University of California, Berkeley, 1988.
- Honored for participating in the Centennial Issue of IEEE Computer, 1984.
- Regents Fellowship, University of California, 1983-84.
- Rajiv Bambawale Memorial Award for the best B.Tech. Electrical Engineering project, IIT Delhi, 1982.
- Merit Prizes, IIT Delhi, 1977, 78, 79, 80, 81 and 82.

- Merit Prize for 4th rank in the All India Joint Entrance Examination for admission to the five IITs (among approximately 100,000 students), 1977.
- Merit Scholarship, All India Board of Higher Secondary Education, 1977.

Research in the News

Our study on vulnerabilities in online banking systems (July 2008) received a lot of press. It was quoted in Barron's, BusinessWeek, NPR, Associated Press, BBC, and many other publications. Several banks, including Chase and LaSalle Bank, changed their web sites for improved security shortly after publication of the work.

Publications

Book Chapters

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- Sharad Sharma, Harpreet Singh, Atul Prakash. Multi-agent modeling and simulation of human behavior in aircraft evacuations. *IEEE Transactions on Aerospace and Electronic Systems*, Oct. 2008, Vol. 44, No. 4, pp. 1477-1488.
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