

# Shihab Ahmed

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## Research Interests

System Security, Malware Analysis, Cyber Threat Intelligence, AI in Cybersecurity

## Technical Skills

**Languages** Python, C++, Java, LaTeX  
**Framework** Keras, Tensorflow, Django Rest  
**DBMS Tools** SQL, PostgreSQL, MySQL

**Developer Tools** GitHub, NetBeans, Visual Studio Code  
**Simulation Tools** OPNET Modeler, Cisco Packet Tracer  
**Front End** HTML, CSS, Bootstrap

## Education

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| <b>Towson University, Towson, MD, USA</b><br><i>PhD in Information Technology</i><br>GPA: 4.00/4.00  | Aug 2024 – Dec 2028 (Expected) |
| <b>Comilla University (CoU), Cumilla, Bangladesh</b><br><i>Master of Science in Information and Communication Technology</i><br>GPA: 3.75/4.00   | Nov 2021 – Sep 2022            |
| <b>Comilla University (CoU), Cumilla, Bangladesh</b><br><i>Bachelor of Science in Information and Communication Technology</i><br>GPA: 3.79/4.00 | Feb 2016 – Mar 2021            |

## Work Experience

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| <b>Graduate Research Assistant, Towson University</b><br><i>Supervisor: Dr. Md Sajidul Islam Sajid</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Research Focus: System Security, Malware Analysis, GenAI for Cyber Deception Orchestration</li><li>Utilizing Generative AI models and prompt engineering to automate the creation of cyber deception plays.</li></ul>                                 | Aug 2024 – Present  |
| <b>Research Assistant, Advanced Machine Intelligence Research (AMIR) Lab</b><br><i>Supervisor: Dr. Mohammad Firoz Mridha</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Utilized NLP techniques to develop and implement aspect-based sentiment analysis models for the Bengali language.</li></ul>   | Aug 2023 – Jul 2024 |
| <b>Software Engineer, GridFlow Pro (Remote)</b><br><i>Backend Developer (Django)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Designed APIs using the Django REST Framework.</li><li>Worked with cross-functional teams to communicate project requirements and proposals.</li><li>Worked with Git, and Gitlab for version control.</li><li>Deployed web applications on the Ubuntu server.</li></ul> | Jun 2021 – Nov 2021 |

## Publications

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| <b>SPADE: Enhancing Adaptive Cyber Deception Strategies with Generative AI and Structured Prompt Engineering</b><br><i>Shihab Ahmed, ABM Rahman, Md Morshed Alam, Md Sajidul Islam Sajid</i><br>IEEE CCWC, Las Vegas, NV, 2025<br><a href="https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2501.00940">https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2501.00940</a> |
| <b>tRF-BERT: A Transformative Approach to Aspect-Based Sentiment Analysis in the Bengali Language</b><br><i>Shihab Ahmed, Moythry Manir Samia, Maksuda Haider Sayma, Md Mohsin Kabir, and M. F. Mridha</i><br>PLOS ONE Journal, 2024<br><a href="https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0308050">10.1371/journal.pone.0308050</a>     |

## Awards & Achievements

- Towson University Spring 2025 Doctoral Student Scholarship
- Best Presenter Award, IEEE CCWC 2025
- National Science and Technology Fellowship (2022-2023)
- Junior School Certificate (JSC) Scholarship, Dhaka Board, 2010