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Education

- **PhD in Computer Science (2009 - Now)**
University of Ottawa – Ottawa, ON, Canada
Thesis Topic: Analyzing Influence Distribution in Social Networks to Increase Effectiveness of Social Commerce
Supervisor: Prof. Morad Benyoucef
- **Master of Science in Electronic Business Technologies (e-Business) (2007 – 2009)**
University of Ottawa – Ottawa, ON, Canada
Thesis Title: Business process modeling in service based healthcare environments
Supervisors: Prof. Morad Benyoucef, Prof. Craig Kuziemyky
- **Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Engineering (Software) (2002 – 2007)**
Islamic Azad University (IAU) - South Tehran Branch - Tehran, Iran
Project Title: Multimedia and E-commerce
Supervisor: Prof. Key Nejad

Scholarships

- MITACS Accelerate Scholarship (2010-2013)

Technical Skills

- **Programming Languages**
 - Visual C#.Net
 - Visual Basic.Net
 - Java
 - Visual Basic
 - C/C++
 - ADO.Net
- **Database**
 - Microsoft SQL Server
 - Microsoft Access
 - PostgreSQL
- **Web**
 - ASP.Net
 - HTML
 - XML

- CSS
- JavaScript/Jscript
- AJAX Technology
- **IDEs**
 - Microsoft Visual Studio
 - Netbeans
- **Web Editors**
 - Microsoft FrontPage
 - Macromedia DreamWeaver
- **Graphics**
 - Adobe Photoshop
 - GIMP
- **Software Modeling**
 - Microsoft Visio
 - IBM Rational ROSE
 - Netbeans BPEL
 - SSADM Select
 - BPMN
- **Business Simulation**
 - WebSphere Business Modeler
- **Operating Systems**
 - Windows 95/98/Me/XP/Vista/7
- **Software Packages**
 - MS Office 95/97/2000/2003/XP/2007/2010

Special Training and Qualifications

- **Visual C#.Net**
 - Tehran Institute of Technology (Mojtame Fanni Tehran) - (2006-2007)

Work Experience

- **Sep 2010 – Now**
Title: Intern
Company: IBM Canada, Kanata, Ontario, Canada
Responsibilities:
 - Conducting research focusing on the social media and influence
- **Sep 2009 – Now**
Title: Research Assistant
Company: EMP Lab, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
Responsibilities:
 - Conducting research focusing on the social media and influence

- **Jan 2012 – April 2012**
Title: Teaching Assistant for:
 - ADM2372: Management Information Systems
 - CSI2911: Professional Practices for Computing
 - ADM3378: Electronic Business**Company:** University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
Responsibilities:
 - Marking exams and assignments
 - Maintaining the course website
- **Sep 2011 – Dec 2011**
Title: Teaching Assistant for:
 - SEG3102: Software Design and Architecture
 - ADM3378: Electronic Business**Company:** University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
Responsibilities:
 - Marking exams and assignments
 - Conducting tutorial and lab sessions
 - Maintaining the course website
- **Sep 2010 – Feb 2011**
Title: Junior Information Technology Officer
Company: CO-OP Office, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
Responsibilities:
 - Maintaining the CO-OP website
 - Developing new web applications (ASP, ASP.Net, SQL Server, MS Access)
 - Providing technical assistance to staff
- **Sep 2010 – Dec 2010**
Title: Teaching Assistant for:
 - ADM2372: Management Information Systems**Company:** University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
Responsibilities:
 - Marking exams and assignments
 - Maintaining the course website
- **Sep 2009 – Apr 2010**
Title: Teaching Assistant for:
 - ADM2372: Management Information Systems**Company:** University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
Responsibilities:
 - Designing assignments
 - Marking exams and assignments
 - Conducting lab sessions
 - Maintaining the course website

- **May 2009 – Oct 2009**
Title: Junior Information Technology Officer
Company: CO-OP Office, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
Responsibilities:
 - Maintaining the CO-OP website
 - Developing new web applications (ASP, ASP.Net, SQL Server, MS Access)
 - Providing technical assistance to staff
- **Sep 2008 – Dec 2008**
Title: Teaching Assistant for:
 - ADM2372: Management Information Systems
 - MAT1300:Mathematical Methods I**Company:** University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
Responsibilities:
 - Marking exams and assignments
 - Maintaining the course website
 - Conducting lab sessions
- **July 2006 – July 2007**
Title: Windows-based and Web-based application Designer and Developer
Company: Pasargadae System Analysts Co. (P.S.A.), Tehran, Iran
Responsibilities:
 - Participating in the development of the IP-telephony project
 - Web application developer (ASP.NET, SQL Server)
 - Windows Application Developer (C#.Net, SQL Server)
- **July 2004 – July 2006**
Title: Windows-based application Designer and Developer
Company: Pars Horizon Data Insert, Tehran, Iran
Responsibilities:
 - Windows Application Developer (C#.Net, SQL Server)

Membership

- **Vice President of Informatics Graduates Association des Diplômé(e)s en Informatique (IGADI)**
– *Changed its name to CSGSA in 2011*
University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
Jan 2010-Jan 2011
- **Member of RoboCup (Virtual Robots) Team (Pasargad)**
Islamic Azad University (South Tehran Branch), Tehran, Iran
August 2006-July 2007
- **Member of Association of Computer Engineering (A.C.E.)**
Islamic Azad University (South Tehran Branch), Tehran, Iran
Sep 2003-July 2007

Publications in Refereed Journals

- **Afrasiabi Rad, A.**, Benyoucef, M. (2012). Measuring Propagation in Online Social Networks: The case of YouTube. *Journal of Information Systems Applied Research*, 5(1) pp 26-35. (A preliminary version appears in The Proceedings of CONISAR 2011)
- Benyoucef, M., Kuziemsky, C., **Afrasiabi Rad, A.**, Elsabbahi, A., 2011, Modeling Healthcare Processes as Service Orchestrations and Choreographies, *Business Process Management Journal*, Vol. 17 Iss: 4, pp.568 – 597
- **Afrasiabi Rad, A.**, Benyoucef, M., 2011, A Model for Understanding Social Commerce, *Journal of Information Systems Applied Research*, 4(2), Aug 2011, pp 63-73
- **Afrasiabi Rad, A.**, Benyoucef, M. and Kuziemsky, C. E., 2009, An Evaluation Framework for Business Process Modeling Languages in Healthcare, *Journal of Theoretical and Applied Electronic Commerce Research*, Volume 4 / Issue 2, August 2009, pp. 1-19

Publications in Conference Proceedings

- **Afrasiabi Rad, A.** and Benyoucef, M. 2011. Measuring Propagation in Online Social Networks: The case of YouTube. Accepted in the 4th Annual CONISAR conference, Wilmington, NC, USA. *(Winner of the meritorious paper award)*
November 3-6, 2011
- **Afrasiabi Rad, A.** and Benyoucef, M. 2011. Towards Detecting Influential Users in Social Networks. *E-Technologies: Transformation in a Connected World*. G. Babin et al., eds. Springer Berlin Heidelberg. 227-240.
January 23-26, 2011
- **Afrasiabi Rad, A.**, Benyoucef, M. 2010. A Model for Understanding Social Commerce, Proceedings, The 3rd Annual CONISAR conference, Nashville, Tennessee
October 28 to 31, 2010
- **Afrasiabi Rad, A.**, Benyoucef, M., Kuziemsky, C. E. 2009. On Modeling Web Service based Processes for Healthcare, Proceedings, BPSC-2009, Lecture Notes in Informatics 147, Leipzig, Germany. pp. 123-138
March 23rd and 24th, 2009

Presentations

- **Afrasiabi Rad, A.** and Benyoucef, M. Towards Measuring Propagation in Online Social Networks: The case of YouTube. TAMALE Seminar 2011, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
Feb 9, 2012
- **Afrasiabi Rad, A.**, Hajian, B., Benyoucef, M., White, T. Social Network Analysis and Influence Propagation. CASCON 2011, Toronto Ontario, Canada
Nov 7-10, 2011
- **Afrasiabi Rad, A.**, Benyoucef, M. Towards Measuring Influence by Analyzing Content Propagation: The case of YouTube. LARIM Workshop 2011, Gatineau, Quebec, Canada

July 20, 2011

Posters

- **Afrasiabi Rad, A.**, Benyoucef, M. Influence in Social Networks: Propagation in YouTube. CASCON 2011, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Nov 7-10, 2011
- **Afrasiabi Rad, A.**, Benyoucef, M. User Influence and Social Networks. CBAP Research Café 2011, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
Oct 6, 2011

Reviewer for:

- International Conference on Business Information Systems
- Electronic Commerce Research Journal
- Business Process Management Journal

Languages

- Persian (Farsi) – Mother tongue
- Azerbaijani (Azeri) – Mother tongue
- English - Fluent

Interests

- Playing Chess
- Watching Movies
- Swimming
- Playing the Piano