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## Skills

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- Leadership    📌 Scientific Guidance, Technology Strategy, Stakeholder Communication
- Business     📌 Business Case Development, Customer Understanding, Market Positioning
- Research     📌 Natural Language Processing, Machine Learning, Text Mining, Network Science
- Research Areas    📌 Social Computing, Computational Biology, Mining Software Repositories

## Education

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- 2009 – 2014    📌 **Ph.D, IIIT-Delhi, India** in Computer Science  
Thesis title: *Content Quality in Web 2.0 Services - Analysis, Detection, Systems and Enhancement*
- 2012          📌 **M.Tech., IIIT-Delhi, India** in Computer Science  
Thesis title: *WhACKY! What Anyone Could Know About You from Twitter.*
- 2003 – 2007    📌 **B.Engg. (Hons), University of Mumbai, India** in Computer Science  
*First Class Honours with Distinction.*  
Thesis title: *Musical Information Retrieval Systems for Instrumental Audio.*

## Awards and Achievements

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### Awards

- 2016    📌 **Young Researcher Scholarship**, Heidelberg Laureate Forum, Germany
- 2015    📌 **Post Doctoral Research Fellowship**, Max Planck Gesellschaft, Germany
- 2011    📌 **Yahoo! Summer School Fellowship**, Yahoo!, India
- 2010    📌 **Research Fellowship**, National Internet Exchange (NIXI), India
- 2009    📌 **Research Fellowship**, Government of India

### Patents

- 2013    📌 **System and Method for Verifying Credentials** US20130275753A1

## Employment History - Roles and Responsibilities

- 2018 ... **Senior Data Scientist** for BAYER PHARMA, Germany
- Interpret Business Needs and Formulate Key Business Metrics for Pharma R&D
  - Initiate and Prioritize Data Science Project Business Cases to Generate Asset Value and Decrease Time-to-Market
  - Lead Data Science Projects and Mentor Junior Data Scientists to Develop Novel Scientific Approaches
  - Interface between Business and Technology Teams to Ensure Shared Common Objectives
  - Communicate Key Insights and Prototypes to Key Business Stakeholders to enable Actionable Business Decisions
  - Contribute to Data Science Oriented Strategy to Achieve Organizational Business Goals
  - Champion for Data Science Benefits to Organizational Business Needs
- 2016 – 2017 **Data Scientist** for BAYER PHARMA, Germany
- Develop Novel Data Science Algorithms for Pharma R&D to Decrease Time-to-Market
  - Communicate Key Insights and Prototypes to Key Business Stakeholders to Make Actionable Decisions
- 2015 – 2016 **Post Doctoral Research Fellow** at MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE FOR SOFTWARE SYSTEMS, Germany
- Develop Novel Data Science Algorithms and Techniques to Study Cultural Attitudes and Perceptions
  - Generate Unique Insights for User Behavior on Social Media
  - Scientific Mentor to Ph.D students and Research Interns
- 2014 **Research Intern** at MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE FOR SOFTWARE SYSTEMS, Germany
- Develop Novel Computational Methods to Discover Key Insights for User Behavior from Anonymous Social Media
- 2012 **Research Intern** at School of Information Systems, SINGAPORE MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY, Singapore
- Develop Novel Computational Methods to Increase User Engagement on Mobile Social Networks
- 2010 **Research Intern** at IBM RESEARCH, India
- Developed a Novel Machine Learning Algorithm to Detect Spam on Social Media with 80% accuracy
- 2007 – 2009 **Research Engineer** at INFOSYS RESEARCH, India
- Implement Novel Research Machine Learning, Data Mining and Natural Language Processing Algorithms to generate Business Value for Industries like Retail, Finance and Aeronautics

## Industry Projects

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- 2019 ... **Deep Learning for Automated Generation of Regulatory Documents**  
**Business Value** 4.2M€ per year  
Developing a Novel Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) to generate first drafts of Regulatory Documents like Clinical Study Reports  
**Research** Natural Language Processing, Machine Learning  
**Leadership** Customer Understanding, Business Case, Scientific Guidance, Stakeholder Communication
- 2019 **Deep Learning for Malaria Prediction from Cell Images**  
Developed a Novel Convolution Neural Network (CNN) based on transfer learning to detect malaria from cell images with 99% accuracy  
**Research** Machine Learning
- 2018 ... **Deep Learning for Prediction of Combinatorial Drug Efficacy**  
**Potential Business Value** 0.5 BN€ per year  
Developing a Novel Graph Neural Network to predict Drug-Drug efficacy. Our work aims to provide direct value for concomitant therapies in various areas.  
**Research** Network Science, Machine Learning  
**Leadership** Market Positioning, Business Case, Scientific Guidance, Stakeholder Communication
- Deep Learning for Prediction of Combinatorial Drug Side Effects**  
**Potential Business Value** 80M€ per year  
Developing a Novel Graph Neural Network to predict side effects of drugs when taken in combination but not observed in solitary usage  
**Research** Network Science, Machine Learning  
**Leadership** Market Positioning, Business Case, Scientific Guidance, Stakeholder Communication
- Prediction of Drug Safety from Pre-Clinical Research and Biological Data**  
**Potential Business Value** 100M€ per year  
Developing a Novel Ensemble Machine Learning algorithm based on Random Forests that utilizes chemical properties from pre-clinical research and biological data to predict clinical safety of compounds  
**Research** Network Science, Machine Learning  
**Leadership** Business Case, Scientific Guidance, Stakeholder Communication
- 2017 **Identification of Patient Concerns from Social Media**  
**Potential Business Value** 2M€  
Implemented a state-of-the-art character Recurrent Neural Network (char RNN) architecture to identify patient concerns from customer data with 91% accuracy  
Exploratory Network Analysis to find Key Opinion Leaders and Information Flow with 97% accuracy  
**Research** Natural Language Processing, Machine Learning, Social Computing  
**Leadership** Scientific Guidance

## Industry Projects (continued)

- **Deep Learning for Language Translation of Regulatory Labels Documents**  
**Business Value** 0.5 M€ per year  
We used Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) to translate drug package label documents between 5 European languages with BLEU score of 84%  
**Research** Natural Language Processing, Machine Learning
  
- 2010 ■ **Automated Spam Detection on Social Media**  
Implemented a Bayesian Machine Learning framework to detect spam on social media with 80% accuracy  
**Research** Natural Language Processing, Machine Learning
  
- 2008 ■ **Tabular Extraction from Financial Documents**  
**Business Value** 0.5 M€ per year  
Implemented an SVM based machine learning algorithm to detect and extract tabular (structured) information from unstructured data with 77% accuracy  
**Software Engineering** Java, Testing

## Academic Projects and Research Publications

### Journal Articles

- 1 Mondal, M., Silva, L. A., Correa, D., & Benevenuto, F. (2018). Characterizing usage of explicit hate expressions in social media. *New Review of Hypermedia and Multimedia*, 24(2), 110–130.
- 2 Agarwal, S., Mittal, N., Katyal, R., Sureka, A., & Correa, D. (2016). Women in computer science research: what is the bibliography data telling us? *ACM SIGCAS Computers and Society*, 46(1), 7–19.
- 3 Correa, D. & Sureka, A. (2013c). Solutions to detect and analyze online radicalization: a survey. *arXiv preprint arXiv:1301.4916*.

### Conference Proceedings

- 1 Correa, D., Sureka, A., & Lal, S. (2017). Investigation of ir based topic models on issue tracking systems to infer software-specific semantic related term pairs. In *2017 tenth international conference on contemporary computing (ic3)* (pp. 1–5). IEEE.
- 2 Silva, L., Mondal, M., Correa, D., Benevenuto, F., & Weber, I. (2016). Analyzing the targets of hate in online social media. In *Tenth international aaai conference on web and social media*.
- 3 Xia, X., Lo, D., Correa, D., Sureka, A., & Shihab, E. (2016). It takes two to tango: deleted stack overflow question prediction with text and meta features. In *2016 IEEE 40th annual computer software and applications conference (compsac)* (Vol. 1, pp. 73–82). IEEE.
- 4 Correa, D., Silva, L. A., Mondal, M., Benevenuto, F., & Gummadi, K. P. (2015). The many shades of anonymity: characterizing anonymous social media content. In *Ninth international aaai conference on web and social media*.
- 5 Correa, D. & Sureka, A. (2014). Chaff from the wheat: characterization and modeling of deleted questions on stack overflow. In *Proceedings of the 23rd international conference on world wide web* (pp. 631–642). ACM.

- 6 Lal, S., Correa, D., & Sureka, A. (2014). Miqs: characterization and prediction of migrated questions on stackexchange. In *In proceedings of the 21st asia-pacific software engineering conference* (p. 9).
- 7 Correa, D., Lal, S., Saini, A., & Sureka, A. (2013). Samekana: a browser extension for including relevant web links in issue tracking system discussion forum. In *2013 20th asia-pacific software engineering conference (apsec)* (Vol. 1, pp. 25–33). IEEE.
- 8 Correa, D. & Sureka, A. (2013a). Fit or unfit: analysis and prediction of 'closed questions' on stack overflow. In *Proceedings of the first acm conference on online social networks* (pp. 201–212). ACM.
- 9 Correa, D. & Sureka, A. (2013b). Integrating issue tracking systems with community-based question and answering websites. In *2013 22nd australian software engineering conference* (pp. 88–96). IEEE.
- 10 Lim, E.-P., Correa, D., Lo, D., Finegold, M., & Zhu, F. (2013). Reviving dormant ties in an online social network experiment. In *Seventh international aaai conference on weblogs and social media*.
- 11 Correa, D., Sureka, A., & Pundir, M. (2012). Itop: interaction based topic centric community discovery on twitter. In *Proceedings of the 5th ph. d. workshop on information and knowledge* (pp. 51–58). ACM.
- 12 Correa, D., Sureka, A., & Sethi, R. (2012). Whacky!-what anyone could know about you from twitter. In *2012 tenth annual international conference on privacy, security and trust* (pp. 43–50). IEEE.
- 13 Correa, D. & Sureka, A. (2011). Mining tweets for tag recommendation on social media. In *Proceedings of the 3rd international workshop on search and mining user-generated contents* (pp. 69–76). ACM.
- 14 Sureka, A., Goyal, V., Correa, D., & Mondal, A. (2010). Generating domain-specific ontology from common-sense semantic network for target-specific sentiment analysis. In *Computer and information science, artificial intelligence paper*.
- 15 Sureka, A., Goyal, V., Correa, D., & Mondal, A. (2009). Polarity classification of subjective words using common-sense knowledge-base. In *International workshop on rough sets, fuzzy sets, data mining, and granular-soft computing* (pp. 486–493). Springer, Berlin, Heidelberg.