

Personal Introduction

I am a 26 years old professional with a combined bachelors and masters degree in Mathematics and Computing from Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, one of the most prestigious institutes in the country. I am currently working full-time in the Data Science team at Adobe Systems. I have a broad set of interests in data visualization, machine learning, artificial intelligence, topology and statistics.

As a side role, I also work with the WCA (World Cube Association) as a senior delegate of WCA for West and South Asia. The WCA is a body that conducts competitions for solving twisty puzzles like Rubik's Cube for speed. As a senior delegate, I am responsible for the growth of the organization in the region - by communicating and working with a lot of individuals and teams in various countries. You can visit my [WCA profile](#) for my personal records.

I got introduced to memory sports last year and have attended 2 competitions. I do hope to improve my results slowly over the coming years but personally, I find myself much more attracted to the part of making the memory sports community a better place for everyone. I believe my skillset makes me very appropriate for that role.

Soon after getting into memory sports, I already applied for IAM Board Elections last year. Over time, I also got involved in work for the IAM Software Team and IAM PR Team. It has been a wonderful journey and learning experience. After my background in WCA as well as working with the IAM for an year now, I have a very solid understanding of the problems faced by memory athletes and organizers. I love the beautiful impact we can make for our community by working together as an organization. Please refer to my cover letter for my detailed motivation and ambitions.



Introduction and Motivation

I got introduced to memory sports in 2018 and have always been an active community member since then. I have a long ongoing experience in working with the [World Cube Association](#), which is the governing body of the sport of speedcubing with over 100,000 registered competitors and competitions held in over 100 countries. Over the years, I have found my true passion in working for such a democratic organization working purely around the growth of a sport. Therefore, I find myself in an ideal position to bring this passion to the world of memory sports. This brought me to join the IAM as a Board Member in the current ongoing term. I think the IAM has really come a long way since our open letter in 2016 and we are now at a stage where we must continue our hardwork so we can continue promoting easier access to memory sports competitions for everyone. I will let my work and ambitions below speak for myself, though admittedly I have to filter it quite a bit because of the one-page limit. I look forward to your questions for me.

Work done an IAM International Board Member

- Maintained IAM stats website, revamping the website originally and managing the results of each competition.
 - Executed the IAM Titles system, from its inception to implementation on website and certificates.
 - Built a dedicated PR and Software Team for IAM to better focus our energy and growth.
 - Improved Board transparency, in form of monthly updates, Tricider, Instagram and resuming newsletter.
 - Managed IAM Website, as well as worked with organizers for paper creation and digital competitions.
 - Devised better communication and work tracking mechanisms within the board to enhance team productivity.
 - Worked on a new IAM Rulebook that was published in November 2019.
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Ambitions as an IAM International Board Member in Next Term

Website Improvements

- Continue adding a lot more statistics, such as medal count and continental rankings.
- Continue improvements to our memorization paper creation software to make it easier for organizers to generate and print papers, as well as for competitors to customize lines and partitions on papers.
- Standardizing competition and registration web pages for all competitions is another important step as we go forward. A competitor must be able to consistently register for all IAM competitions with a common interface and all such data must be logged on directly to our database.
- Add option to competition software to store results and give rankings in training mode

Easier Access around the Globe

- Continue adding data to training software for many more languages.
- Work with more organizers in more countries to give easier access to memory sports competitions to everyone. I would be personally willing to travel to new countries in my continent as necessary for the same.
- Adding multilingual support/translations to our website to increase accessibility by a much wider audience

FAQs and Tutorials on our website

- Providing new users easier access to searching past and future competitions in their country. In the current form, it can be difficult for new users to get started.
- Having dedicated FAQs, written and video tutorials pages for both memory athletes as well as competition organizers will help in much easier and standardized on-boarding for new people to IAM competitions.

Live Results System

- Currently, excel is used in most places to track results of a competition and then make announcements or share snapshots manually. With a live results website system, an organizer can enter event results in an excel like sheet but the results get broadcast to anyone in the world, on their mobile phone or PC.

Promoting Digital Competitions

- At the moment, very less competitors have competed digitally. However, most competitors who have used the format for a small duration agree on the benefits to both the scores, as well as the organizing side of things.
- I would seek to promote digital competitions actively in more parts of the world, coupled with my vision for easier access to competitions around the globe.

Communication

- I would like to continue improving our communication with the community through our social media channels. I would propose to make public reports of every IAM competition mandatory.
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