Rajendra M Sonar: Brief CV

Present status

Professor of Information Systems/Technology,
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Co-founder, WKA Technologies Pvt Ltd, SINE, IIT Bombay

Education

Ph.D. (Computer Science, AI/ML/Hybrid Intelligent Systems), 1997-2000, Department of Computer Science, University of Pune.

Thesis Topic: Hybrid Intelligent Systems and applications to Investment Decision Making. Developed and implemented a framework integrating artificial neural network, expert system and database management systems.

Master of Computer Science (M.C.S.), 1990-92
First Class, from University of Pune

Bachelor of Computer Science (B.C.S.), 1986-89
First Class, from University of Pune

Research Interest

Knowledge-based Systems, Hybrid AI and Intelligent Systems (especially integrated architectures of neural networks, case-based reasoning, genetic algorithms and rule-based expert systems) and business applications of AI, Role of AI in BI/KM, Business Intelligence for Personalized Experiences.

Experience

Currently Professor of Information Systems/Technology at SJMSOM, IIT Bombay since December 2018 (pay scale level 14A)

Total of 33+ years of mixed experience: teaching, research, consulting, administrative, entrepreneurship, software leadership and development, architecting, mentorship and software product development.

IIT Bombay: 22 years

(was on long leave for around 3 years from Jan 2013 till Oct 2015 as Director, iKen Solutions Pvt Ltd)

Associate Professor of IT/IS, SJMSOM, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB) from July 2008 to November 2018 (Assistant Professor from May 2003 to June 2008).

Teaching

IT courses to M.Mgt. (Master of Management): Information Systems, Management Information Systems, Management of Information Technology, Intelligent Systems in Management, Digital Product Management, Digital Transformation, System Analysis and Design, etc.

Coordinated various MDPs on AI, Personalization and Recommendation systems, Digital Transformation on Coursera platform. Delivered lectures in AI Master Classes by Economics Times.

Received *the best teacher in management* award of IIT Bombay twice in 2008 and 2013 *MDP/CEPs*

Administrative

Played role of IT, Placement, MDP and Admissions Coordinators-School of Management, IIT Bombay and part of various committees at school as well as IITB level.

Entrepreneurial Efforts

WKA Technologies Pvt Ltd: since Nov 2016 and iKen Solutions Pvt Ltd (2005-2015)

Co-founded company WKA Technologies Pvt Ltd in November 2016. WKA has come out with world's fastest hyper app development platform to build web-based software, responsive web-apps and mobile apps powered by GenAI (https://youtu.be/vXVQVp2XJxU).

iKen Solution Pvt Ltd: 2005-2015 as Promoter, Director and Mentor (2005-2015)

Co-founded a software product and solution company: iKen Solutions Pvt Ltd (now iKen Personics) at SINE (IIT Bombay's Technology Business Incubator) in 2005. iKen got numerous awards including ET Best telecom software award, NASSCOM innovation award etc and funding of INR 3 Crore from India Innovation Fund. Exited form company in 2016 with entire IPR (software platform *having half millions of lines of code*) back to IRCC, IIT Bombay developed over a decade, the cost of development itself is more than INR 3 crore. At the time of my exit, iKen was powering *INR 200 crores* of business to Airtel and *handling volume of 20 crore individual subscriber profiles* pan India deployed on 32 servers.

NIBM Experience: 7 years

As an Assistant Professor in Information Technology Area Group from January 2001 to April, 2003; and, as a Research Officer from March 1996 to December 2000 at National Institute of Bank Management (NIBM), Pune.

<u>Consultancy Projects worked</u> (worked with 12 public sector banks)

- Implementing Asset and Liability Management (ALM) solution for Public Sector Banks:

  Central Bank of India,
  Punjab and Sind Bank,
  Punjab National Bank,
  Allahabad Bank,
  UCO Bank,
  J&K Bank Ltd,
  Oriental Bank of Commerce,
  Bank of Maharashtra

- Reserve Bank of India (Central Bank) Sponsored Consultancy Project (Integrating IT
- Strategy of the Banks with their Business Strategy) Technology
- IT upgradation plan for State Bank of Saurashtra
- Operationalizing the ALCO Mandate for State Bank of India
- Developing DSS for Investment Decision Making for Indian Overseas Bank Investment Analysis aimed at optimization of Yield and Liquidity Management for Punjab and Sind Bank
- Hardware/Software Policy and IT plan for Punjab and Sind Bank

  <u>MDPs:</u> Coordinated and taught in several MDPs, some of the topics MDPs Coordinated

  o Design and Development of Banking Applications using Client/Server Technology
  o Design and Development of Web-Based (Internet/Intranet) Banking Applications
  o Design and Development of MIS and DSSs
  o Computer Based Information Systems
  o Data mining and Data warehousing

  <u>Administrative work</u>

  Coordinator, IT Area Group
  Coordinator and Member,
  IT Committee
  Member, Infrastructure Development Committee
  Development of NIBM's Intranet and Internet

Prior experience (before March 1996): 5 years

o 2 years of <u>software development</u> at Directorate of Water Management Research (now Indian Institute of Water Management: *Indian Council of Agricultural Research*), MPKV Vidyapeeth Campus, Rahuri-413 722. Developed various in-house and scientific and publishing related software.

o 2 years of <u>teaching</u> experience to B.C.S. (Bachelor of Computer Science) courses at various colleges (SSVPS Science College, Dhule, RC Patel Science College, Shirpur) affiliated to Pune University. Taught data structures, programming languages, system analysis and design courses.

o 1 year of <u>software development</u> experience at Network Associates, Tapinagar, Bhusawal-425 201. Developed various in-house and lift irrigation related software.

Research/Publications

Ph.D. guidance: 7 Ph.D. Scholars completed, 4 ongoing.
Research papers
   o International Journal Papers: 18+
   o International conference proceedings peer reviewed papers: 32+
Articles on information systems/technology in Computer Society of India
            Communications
Book written: Next Generation Business Intelligence: A knowledge-based approach
IPR creation: created IPR (software products and platforms)

Visiting/Professional Assignments

Guest/invited speaker/expert/reviewer/thesis examiner:

o Was invited to deliver lectures in Master Classes on AI, Economics Times many times,
o Conducted various programmes on AI for AIMA, CII, Bombay Chambers of Commerce, etc.
o Panel Member, IT Advisory, Stock Holding Corporation of India
o Research Review Committee, Computer Studies, Symbiosis International University
o Faculty Development & Evaluation Committee (FDEC), IIM Vizag
o On various Board of studies related to IT/IS/CS, North Maharashtra University, Pune University, KK Wagh College of Engineering, Nashik, etc.
o Chief Editor, CSI (Computer Society of India) Knowledge Digest, April-2011-2014
o National Institute of Bank Management (NIBM), Pune
o Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad
o National Institute of Construction Management and Research (NICMAR), Pune

- o Research Review Committee, Computer Studies, Symbiosis International University
- o Various firms like ICICI Bank (Analytics division), Wipro etc. o Various National/International Conferences and Seminars
- o Various selection panels of BSRB/SEBI/NICMAR/Symbiosis etc.
- o Journals: IIM-B, NICMAR, SCIT and other national journals.
- o Member, board of studies of various universities and colleges.
- o Advisory board member: CEDI: Centre for Entrepreneurship Development and Incubation, NIT, Trichy Etc.

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Software Development Experience

Extensive experience in software design and development on Microsoft plat-forms, programming languages, operating systems, databases, development environments and productivity tools. Web-based application development, database modelling and design, developing expert systems, modelling business problems using neural networks and spread-sheets like Excel, etc. ASP.NET, Oracle, MS-SQL, MySQL, C#, C/C++, Matlab, Python, Prolog, Visio, ChatGPT Open AI APIs etc.

Publications (48+)

https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Rajendra-Sonar
https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=uwWyFcIAAAAJ&hl=en

Journal publications

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- R.M. Sonar, Integrating Intelligent Systems using an SQL-database, *Expert Systems with Applications: an international journal*, Vol 17, Issue 1, pp 45-49, July, 1999.

Refereed conference papers

- M. A. Zamir, R. M. Sonar (2024), "Smart Agri-Warehouse: A Need of the hour" 2024 in 9th PAN IIM World Management Conference, organised at Indian Institute of Management, Sambalpur from January 22-24, 2024.

- M. A. Zamir, R. M. Sonar (2024), "Agri-Warehousing in India: Scope, Challenges and Opportunities" 2024 in Management Education and Research Colloquium (MERC 2024), held at Indian Institute of Management Kashipur from May 31st-2nd June 2024.

- K. Pandey, M. A. Zamir and R. M. Sonar (2024), "Managing Incidents: A Case Study of AIOps" in International Conference on Emerging Trends in Business Analytics & Management Sciences, organised at Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay from December 12-14, 2024.

- M. A. Zamir, R. M. Sonar, "Application of Internet of Things (IoT) in Agriculture: A Review" 2023 in 8th International Conference on Communication and Electronics Systems (ICCES 2023), held at PPG Institute of Technology, Coimbatore, India from June 1-3, 2023.

- Piyush Pandey, Vinish Kathuria, Prof. Rajendra Sonar, Bankruptcy Prediction for Micro, Small and Medium (MSME) Enterprises using Statistical and Artificial Intelligent Techniques: An Empirical Study for Manufacturing firms in India, 9th Annual Conference of Multinational Finance Society, Paphos, Cyprus, July 2-5, 2023

- Zamir, M. A., Sonar, R. M. "Technology based Entrepreneurship in Agriculture: Study based on Bibliometric Analysis" 2022 in International Conference on Stimulating Development through Entrepreneurship (ICSDTE 2022), held at Aligarh Muslim University, India, on 11 June, 2022. 2.

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