## Title:

Why is Natural Language Understanding Hard? A Look at Challenges and Opportunities.

## Abstract:

In spite of over six decades of research by some of the smartest people in the world, the problem of natural language understanding (NLU) has remained largely unsolved. In this talk, we will examine some of the key factors that make NLU a hard and challenging problem and identify some of the approaches that have been adopted to address these challenges. We will also look at the commercial significance of the NLU problem in an age where digital content and social media are ubiquitous. Finally, we will discuss some of the ongoing work in Infosys Labs in the area of NLU.