

# Abdul Fofanah

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## EDUCATION

### University of York

York, England · 09/24 - 06/28

BSc (Hons) Computer Science with Artificial Intelligence (with a year in industry)

Completed Relevant Modules: Human-Computer Interaction [73%] · Software 1 [71%] · Software 2 [61%]

In Progress & Upcoming Relevant Modules: Engineering 1 [Assessment 1: 79% · Assessment 2: In Progress] · Systems & Devices 2 (OS, Security & Networking) [In Progress] · Intelligent Systems (Machine Learning) [Upcoming] · Data Science [Upcoming]

### Dagenham Park Church of England School

London, England · 09/16 - 06/23

3 A-levels + EPQ | Grades: A in Economics, B in Mathematics, B in Computer Science + A in EPQ

10 GCSEs | Grades: Computer Science (8), Drama (8), Mathematics (7), Biology (7), Chemistry (7), Physics (7), History (7), English Language (6), English Literature (5), Spanish (5)

## SKILLS

- Programming Languages: Python, Java, C++, HTML, CSS
- Software Engineering Concepts: Object-Oriented Programming, Web Security (OWASP Top 10), Data Structures & Algorithms, CI (GitHub Actions), Agile/Scrum
- Tools & Technologies: Git, GitHub, Visual Studio Code, Linux (Ubuntu), WSL

## PROJECTS

### Java Game Development Project - Software Engineering Project [Engineering 1 Module]

09/25 - Present

GitHub: [1] [github.com/AbdulFofanah/Thadjam](https://github.com/AbdulFofanah/Thadjam) | Java · Agile/Scrum · Object-Oriented Design · UML · GitHub Actions · CI/CD · Automated Testing

- Implemented core Java-based functionality using LibGDX, delivering an initial implementation against a product brief, and later extending and adapting an inherited codebase to fully implement the brief as a group, utilising GitHub for the workflow (brownfield development)
- Designed object-oriented architecture using UML modelling to ensure modularity, maintainability, and requirements traceability
- Configured and used GitHub Actions to support continuous integration, automating Gradle builds, test execution, Javadoc generation, and runnable JAR packaging on pushes and pull requests, improving build reliability

### Market Data Pipeline

08/25

GitHub: [github.com/AbdulFofanah/Market-Data-Pipeline](https://github.com/AbdulFofanah/Market-Data-Pipeline) | Python · Java · C++

- C++ (Data Producer) - Built a CSV reader to ingest raw intraday market data (OHLCV) and convert it into structured JSON Lines (JSONL), enabling downstream processing in later pipeline stages
- Java (Data Processor) - Implemented a JSONL parser with Gson and applied a rolling-window moving average (sliding window algorithm) to generate trading signal CSVs, demonstrating application of algorithms to financial data
- Python (Data Visualizer) - Developed visualisation scripts using pandas and matplotlib to produce time-series plots and summary statistics, enabling clearer interpretation of signals

## WORK EXPERIENCE

(Certificates of completion available on LinkedIn)

### Cisco - Work Experience Intern

06/22

Proposal: [Health Toilet Project Proposal - Google Slides](#) | Google Slides · Technical Communication · Industry Pitching

- Collaborated in a team to pitch a winning, data-backed human-centered technical solution to a panel of Cisco professionals in a Dragon's Den-style innovation challenge
- Researched and structured a technical proposal for an IoT health product, showcasing proficiency in identifying user requirements and presenting to industry stakeholders
- Gained exposure to Cisco's collaborative culture and agile ways of working, confirming my desire to return for a placement year

### Kainos - Work Experience Intern & Code Camp Participant

05/22 - 08/22

HTML / CSS · Static Web Pages

- Developed a responsive web interface using HTML & CSS, focusing on semantic structure and layout design to ensure accessibility
- Adopted a security-first mindset by completing guided security labs using OWASP Juice Shop to explore the common web vulnerabilities in the OWASP Top 10, including SQL injection and cross-site scripting (XSS)
- Explored introductory machine learning concepts, specifically neural networks, to build a conceptual understanding of intelligent systems

### Ezoic - Work Experience Intern

05/22 - 08/22

WordPress · CMS Management · HTML/CSS · Live Site Updates

- Built and published a WordPress website, customising layout and site structure using templates and plugins to improve usability and SEO
- Collaborated with developers to optimise site performance, accessibility, and content workflows
- Applied digital publishing practices to maintain a live production website and resolve practical site issues

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS

- Personal achievements: Represented the University of York as an amateur boxer, winning my first 2 bouts and demonstrating discipline, mental resilience, and an ability to perform under pressure (currently undefeated)
- Professional skills: Developed strong communication, time management, administrative, and problem-solving skills through customer-facing roles in hospitality, leisure, and sales, working effectively in fast-paced, high-pressure environments
- Charity: Modelled for the Astra Collective Society, raising money and awareness for breast cancer in support of the Pink Ribbon Foundation