

# Adrian Ng, MSc.

Seeking Junior-Level Data Engineering Opportunities

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## PROFILE

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I am a Computer Science graduate passionate about programming and a career in Data Engineering. I seek opportunities that meet my growing experience in *Java* – a language I have used in numerous academic projects ranging from the implementation of financial models to large-scale data processing with *Apache Hadoop*. In addition, *R* and *MATLAB* were used to implement various machine learning algorithms.

Prior to postgraduate study, my expertise was in *SQL development* focusing on the implementation of segmentation processes for a number of clients including: *Virgin Media*, *TUI*, *UPC*, *MSD*, *Volkswagen*, and *KwikFit*.

After graduation, my accomplishments as a Data Analyst at *Manchester City FC* fell more towards Data Engineering, which leads me now to pursue a career in this field.

## EDUCATION

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- **Master of Science in Data Science and Analytics** with Distinction  
*Department of Computer Science, Royal Holloway* Sept. 2016 – Dec. 2017
- **Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering** Upper Second Class with Honours  
*School of Engineering, King's College London* Sept. 2007 – July 2010

## TECHNOLOGIES

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Languages:

• Java 8 • SQL

Software:

• IntelliJ IDEA • SQL Server Management Studio • Git • Jira • Maven

## JAVA PROJECTS

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- **Implementation of Value at Risk (VaR) measure** (<https://adrian.ng/java/var/>) (<https://github.com/Adrian-Ng/VaR>)

I implemented number of approaches to estimating *VaR*, a measure of risk against a (hypothetical) investment portfolio (stocks, options, deltas). Various *VaR* measures were implemented. A Normal Distribution  $N(0, \sigma^2)$  was assumed for daily price changes. Therefore, a number of moving average processes were implemented for estimating variance  $\sigma^2$ . In addition, an implementation of the *Levenberg-Marquardt* algorithm was used for optimisation of *GARCH(1,1)* parameters.

### VaR Measures

- Model Building
- Historical Simulation
- Monte Carlo Simulation.

### Moving Averages

- *Equal Weighted*
- *Exponentially Weighted Moving Average (EWMA)*
- *GARCH(1,1)*

To accommodate these numerous approaches, I made use of object-oriented techniques and patterns. In addition, I used Java's concurrency APIs to parallelize the 100,000+ random walks generated by *Monte Carlo* when simulating stock prices. Real world financial data was obtained via *Google Finance* and *Yahoo Finance* APIs.

- **Option Pricing** (<https://adrian.ng/java/options/>) (<https://github.com/Adrian-Ng/OptionPricer>)

As part of the postgraduate module, *Methods of Computational Finance*, I implemented three approaches to estimating option prices: ◦ Monte Carlo Simulation ◦ Black Scholes ◦ Binomial Trees. And where applicable, I computed the *payoff* for American, Asian, and European options. The Black Scholes approach assumes a Normal Distribution, so Apache Commons Math API was used.

- **Data Mining with Hadoop MapReduce** (<https://github.com/Adrian-Ng/HadoopEnron>)

As part of the postgraduate module *Large Scale Data Storage and Processing*, I wrote a number of *MapReduce* applications for *Hadoop*. These included mapping the communications network from the *Enron Corpus*, a large dataset of emails, via *Regex* and aggregation of Twitter data.

Applications were exported and executed on *Hadoop* clusters (both single node and distributed). Input/Output datasets were stored in HDFS and accessed via `hadoop fs` commands.

A subsequent exercise was undertaken to minimise the verbosity of these *Hadoop MapReduce* applications by translating them to *Scala* for use in a *Spark REPL*.

- **Java 8 Streams with financial data** (<https://adrian.ng/java/yahoofinance/#stream>)

A small exercise involving the use of *Java 8 Streams*. Processing real-world financial data to return *mean* and *variance* of some market asset.

## MANCHESTER CITY FOOTBALL CLUB

*Data Analyst*

*Fan Relationship Management*

*Jan. - July 2018*

- **New York City FC Project:** I took ownership of this project to integrate *NYCFC's* transactional and demographic data with *City Football Group's* data-warehouse. This six-month project involved many phases including: discovery, engineering, and analysis. Data came from multiple external sources each with differing schema: *NYCFC*, *Ticketmaster*, *Salesforce*, *Major League Soccer*.
  - **Data Pipeline:** I implemented a data pipeline to ingress data from a number of remote *SQL* databases. This process was encapsulated in *stored procedures* which used appropriate DML & DDL (*OPENQUERY*, *MERGE*) for efficient ETL. This pipeline replaced the slower front-end *Informatica* solution.
  - **Data Cubes:** I used an aggregated dataset to compare the distribution of NULL values. These analyses were transformed to *Data Cubes* to pre-compute every possible roll-up/drill-down. As such, bandwidth was minimised across our distributed servers and need for real-time computation in *Tableau* front-end was eliminated, resulting in improved user-experience.
  - **Mentoring:** As part of this project, I was dedicated to mentoring a junior colleague remotely in New York. I organised weekly workshops to teach basic DML and more advanced DDL with a goal toward self-sufficiency in writing database queries and working with stored procedures. Additional material on my website helped supplement these workshops.
- **GDPR Stream Integration:** I worked on the integration of a GDPR preference stream into our data stores (*SQL*, *Salesforce*). I implemented a new pipeline and refactored numerous processes downstream. I worked with the development team to provide specification and UAT testing. I built an efficient, automated *MERGE* process using primary key constraints, clustered indexes, triggers.
- **Customer Churn Model:** I contributed datasets and collaborated on feature/model selection. In particular, looking at *logistic regression* and *Beta-Geometric/Beta-Bernoulli* models in R Studio.

## CREATOR (NOW INSPIRED THINKING GROUP)

*Senior CRM Campaign Executive*

*SQL Development*

*Dec. 2013 - Sept. 2016*

The majority of my work in this role involved working with *SQL* processes which were used to transform customer data into CRM segmentations. Having been promoted to the senior position, I developed a number of these processes. On occasion, I held responsibility for resourcing and managing the team's workload using *Jira*.

- **Virgin Media Segmentation** (<https://adrian.ng/SQL/cte/Recursion/> (<https://adrian.ng/SQL/misc/openquery-xml>)  
I built an end-to-end segmentation process in *SQL*. This included building a fast, flexible, and bespoke import tool around *BULK INSERT*. Remote server queries (*OPENQUERY*) made use of *XML* to effectively *INNER JOIN* local and remote tables resulting in speed and minimal resource use on a busy live server. Recursive queries were used to implement a solution (similar to *flatMap* in *Java 8*) for efficient *regex*.
- **Volkswagen Onboarding:** I worked with .NET developers and project managers to bring Volkswagen on-board as a new client. This required implementing a new segmentation process for broadcasting email *and* SMS. In addition, I provided specification to developers for their data warehousing/archiving ingress schema.
- **TUI Redesign:** I collaborated closely with the TUI client during a three-month project to redesign the existing *Thomson* and *First Choice* mailings. *TCL* scripts were developed to merge dynamic content into the *HTML* body. My efforts on this project were awarded by the client.

## SEATWAVE (NOW TICKETMASTER)

*Marketing Analyst Intern*

*Commercial Team*

*May 2013 - Dec. 2013*

Using *SQL Server Management Studio* for the first time, I wrote *DML* capable of querying the transactional/customer databases to return data for warehousing, reporting, and segmentation. I also worked on pricing and spatial analyses, using *QGIS* as a visualisation tool.