# Ahmed Helal

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#### EDUCATION

Concordia University

Montreal, QC, Canada

MCompSci in Computer Science - Supervisor: Dr. E. Mansour - GPA 4.3/4.3

Jan 2020 - Present

• Introduction to AI: A+

• Big Data Analytics: A+

Beirut, Lebanon

American University of Beirut

BS in Computer Science - GPA 3.92/4.0 - High Distinction

Aug 2015 - May 2019

University of Pennsylvania

Philadelphia, PA, USA

Semester Abroad - GPA 3.8/4.0

Jan 2017 - May 2017

EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

Jan 2020 – Present

Concordia University

Montreal, QC, Canada

- Profile data lakes to build a Knowledge Graph representing the schema of its structured data.
- Implement different APIs to query the knowledge Graph.
- Maintain data pipelines to parse data, create the knowledge graph, and load it to a graph database.

## Teaching Assistant | Data Systems class

Jan. 2020 – Present

Concordia University

Montreal, QC, Canada

- Prepare and give labs and assignments, and projects on SQL and NoSQL systems.
- Assist students with assignments and projects.
- Correct assignments, projects, and exams.

# Software Developer

Aug 2019 - Nov 2019

Murex

 $Beirut, \ Lebanon$ 

- Build 'Control Tower' a Business intelligence system to optimize and monitor trading and operations.
- Contribute to maintaining a Graphical User Interface for the 'Tower Control' tool.
- Contribute to develop and maintain APIs to establish the connection between the components of 'Control Tower'.

#### Publications

# Data Lakes Empowered by Knowledge Graph Technologies

SRC SIGMOD'21

Ahmed Helal

Accepted IDEAS '19

Chi squared feature selection over Apache Spark

Mohamed Nassar, Haidar Safa, Alaa Al Mutawa, Ahmed Helal, and Iskander Gaba

#### AWARDS

#### Concordia University International Tuition Award of Excellence

Jan 2020 - Present

 $Concorida\ University$ 

#### Murex Computer Science Best Collaborative Development Project Award

Jun 2019

Faculty of Arts and Sciences, American University of Beirut

# CCT Computer Science Student of the Year (Undergrad)

Jun 2018

Faculty of Arts and Sciences, American University of Beirut

#### Tomorrow's Leaders Scholarship Program

Aug 2015 – Jun 2019

Middle East Partnership Initiative- US State Department

## SKILLS

Languages: Arabic, French, English

Programming Languages: Java, Python, SQL, SPARQL

Data Systems: Apache Spark, Elasticsearch, Apache Jena, Neo4j, Postgres

Developer Tools: Git, PyCharm, IntelliJ, Eclipse