

# Jaafar Rammal

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## Education:

### Imperial College London (MEng Computer Engineering)

Sep 2018 – Jun 2022

- 1<sup>st</sup> year + 2<sup>nd</sup> year Dean's List for Academic Excellence (class top 10%).
- Relevant Modules: Compilers, Comp Arch, Databases, Data Structures, Networks & Distributed Sys, OOP, HLP, Stats

### Grand Lycée Franco-Libanais:

Sep 2015 - Jun 2018

- French Baccalaureate (Scientific). Top 5% on school with 18.35/20. IB in History & Geography and Arabic.

## Relevant Work Experience | Projects:

### Palantir Technologies, Forward Deployed Software Engineer

May 2021 – Oct 2021

- Worked on Life Sciences R&D. Built a data integration pipeline to enable collaborative harmonization and end-usage. My work involved regular client meetings, user feedback, and was presented at an internal scientific conference

### ARM, Software / Hardware Engineer

Aug 2020 – Oct 2020

- I extended an existing UVM **Verilog** generator with hierarchical register blocks generator and wrote my own **Python** verification predictor generator. I also deployed an **Angular** UI generator to automate hardware configurations

### Imperial College, System / Software Development

Jun 2020 – Aug 2020

- Along 5 other students, I designed and built from scratch a scalable virtual world for Imperial College for remote teaching and socializing in 20-21. **The system is live and ran a 300 people event.** Used **Java, CI/CD, NodeJS, Angular**

### Schlumberger, Software Engineer:

Jun 2019 – Sep 2019

- **Built a web app** for organized, secured access to all reports inside DrillPlan to review desired petroleum activity reports, even offline. The product was **pushed to production**. Used **PWA Features, Angular 7, Service Workers**.

### Imperial Part-time experiences

Oct 2019 – Mar 2021

- Imperial College Robotics Society Committee (Events Coordinator)
- Undergraduate teaching assistant for "Algorithms and Data Structures", and "Compilers"

## Relevant Projects:

- **Founder / CTO** of startup CloseRangeTechnologies.ltd, building technologies to improve the post-pandemic world (1 year)
- Built a **MIPS CPU simulator (C)**, a **C to Assembly Compiler (C)**, and a **16-bit RISC CPU with custom ISA (Verilog)**
- Interactive Flappy Bird with users flapping to play. Built with a **Xilinx PYNQ-Z1 FPGA** using **Vivado and HLS**.
- **Encryption Mobile App (Swift, Java)**: share and retrieve message hidden in images through steganography.

## Competitions | Events | Awards (latest / relevant):

### BGN UK Hackathon (Google): 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

5-8 Mar 2021

- Built an AR marketplace with **React, Firebase, and Typescript**, where shoppers can view any product in AR after sellers scan and upload their products. The platform is centered around promoting small businesses.

### ICHack Thought Machine runner-up

8-9 Feb 2020

- Built ShopWise, your **iOS** interactive personal shopping assistant that offers healthier, cheaper, and greener alternatives, with a supply chain history using a **Kaleido distributed ledger** for transparency of the supply chain

### Hack Cambridge: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Reply Green IoT + MLH mongoDB

18 - 19 Jan 2020

- Built an **IoT network** with trash can sensors and street cameras to sense the vacuity of public bins and **locate trash** on the streets (computer vision). The data is displayed on a map for an **iOS** trash collection **game**, Pokémon-Go style.

### BGN UK Hackathon (Google): 1<sup>st</sup> Place

26 - 27 Oct 2019

- Built a mobile app encouraging users to **scan, collect, and bin trash** from the streets and win points. These points are swapped with **vouchers promoted by rising businesses**. A local leaderboard recognizes those who clean more.

### HackZurich19: Helsana Workshop Award (for Health Product)

27 - 29 Sep 2019

- Built with **Swift & Python** (team of four) **iOS** app connected to geolocation data, Google trends, fitness and health trackers, to predict potential disease risk, explain the factors, and offer prevention advice for a healthier lifestyle.

### BGN UK Hackathon (Google): 1<sup>st</sup> Place

26 Jan 2019

- Built a mobile app to **learn African languages**, using **swift** and **firebase**. It includes classic language games as well as an **interactive chatbot** to simulate realistic scenarios for language practice (restaurant command, ...)

### Robotics Team Member (FIRST<sup>1</sup> Competitions FIRST Tech Challenge):

2014 - 2018 (4 competition seasons)

- Team of four members, working at home and financing our seasons through assembling and selling 3D printers. Earned **7 national awards, national representatives** in the international competition twice. Developed skills in **critical thinking, project management, business plan, CAD modeling, mechanical assembling**. Implemented a **Java** app for wireless joystick-control, **hardware control, assisted driving** (gyro + acc), **image recognition for navigation**

## Technical Skills and Personal Interests:

- Proficient in **C++, Java, Swift**. Comfortable with **Python, TypeScript, Verilog, Assembly, JS**. Practicing **React, Angular**
- Shinkyokushin Karate, since 2006. **Black belt, competed on international level**. Summer assistant for kids' classes.
- Classical guitar player since 2010 with three personal compositions.
- Proficient in **Arabic, French, and English**. Learning **Spanish**.

1- FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology): international youth organization operating robotics competitions. <https://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/ftc>