

# Syed Abdullah

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**Familiar with:** C, C#, PHP, Python, Java, HTML, JavaScript, SQL, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Erlang, Django, Laravel, Spring, AngularJS

## EDUCATION

BComp (Computer Science)      National University of Singapore (NUS)      2015 – 2019 (expected)

**Focus Area** – Parallel Computing & Programming Languages      CAP: 4.6/5.0

- Awarded the NUS Undergraduate (Merit) Scholarship, a **university-wide, merit-based, bond-free scholarship**
- Participating in the University Scholars Programme (USP), a **honors college** for NUS
- **Dean's List** for Semester 1 of AY2017/18
- USP Peer Mentoring Programme – Computing Co-ordinator in AY2016/17. Managed a group of student mentors.

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant      NUS School of Computing      Aug 2016 – Nov 2017

- CS1101S: Programming Methodology – taught a group of 8 CS students in fast-paced course (08/2016 – 12/2016)
- CS2100: Computer Organization – supervised & graded work for 40 students in 2 lab groups (01/2016 – 05/2017)
- CS2103/T: Software Engineering – guiding 2 teams on their Software Engineering projects (08/2017 – 11/2017)
- IT1007: Python & C intro – teach, supervise & grade 15 EEE students in 1 lab group (08/2017 – 11/2017)
- CS2106: Intro to Operating Systems – supervise & grade work for 40 students in 2 lab groups (08/2017 – 11/2017)

Software Engineering Intern      ViSenze      May 2017 – Aug 2017

- **Sole full-stack developer** of visual AI recognition and search evaluation system. Developed, document and deployed system & associated metric calculation algorithms to aid researchers & analysts in evaluating AI performance.
- Refactored system's data access layer. **2X speedup** achieved for all database-intensive tasks on system.
- Added support for multiple groundtruth experiments on system that was built with single groundtruth experiment in mind. **Major iterative restructuring** of code, database schema and workflow **to ensure backward compatibility**.
- **Technologies:** Java, Spring Framework, JPA (Criteria + JPQL), HTML/CSS/JS, AngularJS, Jenkins, Marathon

Software Eng Intern (Full Stack)      ShopBack      May 2016 – Aug 2016

- Planned & implemented new features for flagship website, using React/Redux/Angular, PHP (Laravel & CodeIgniter)
- Develop website crawlers in Python from scratch. Ensured that system is **massively parallel** for fast & efficient crawling. System deployed and has crawled **over 10 million** product pricing & metadata from partner merchants

Student Assistant      CAMRI, NUS Business School      Aug 2015 – Aug 2017

- Redeveloped data walls software displaying financial information from Bloomberg API. Utilized Web Sockets with lightweight Python socket backend instead of poll-based system and **improved uptime** of system from **70% to 97%**.
- Redevelop CAMRI's Retirement Calculator from scratch to utilise Vue with Flask backend. Reduced number of API calls to 1, irrespective of the number of calculations made by user.

Software Engineering Intern      Aduva      Mar 2015 – Aug 2015

- Added major features to EventWiz, a B2C events marketplace, created in PHP using CodeIgniter framework.
- Rebuilt EventWiz platform **from scratch**, migrating it from PHP to Python (Django framework), in 1 month.

## NATIONAL SERVICE

Hospital Medic      Singapore Civil Defence Force      12 Mar 2013 – 11 Mar 2015

- Developed Android app prototype, on own initiative, to replace a manual ambulance turnaround recording system

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

- **Assistant instructor** at Saturday Kids. Taught Scratch/Python to kids from disadvantaged backgrounds. (2017)
- Taught Expository Writing to high school students in the USP thINK Mentorship Programme (2016)
- Volunteer Web Developer at DesignUp Asia (Dec 2013 – Oct 2015)

## NOTABLE RELATED WORK & ACHIEVEMENTS

- NUS Computing Club: system administrator & developer. Worked with CentOS, nginx, Python. (2015 – Present)
- PowerPointLabs – a PowerPoint add-on written in C# [GitHub: PowerPointLabs/PowerPointLabs] (2017)
  - Developed PasteLab – enhanced paste functionality. **Worked around limitations/constraints** of Office SDK
- NUS Computing Club: Sole developer of game scoring system in Python [GitHub: NUSComputingDev/gfp] (2015)
- **Distinction** for NTU H3 Semiconductor Physics and Devices (2013)
- Multiplayer Interactive Chat Community with C# Server & Flash frontend (2010)
- Code Editor for GTA San Andreas Multiplayer developed in C# [GitHub: SAMPCE/SAMPCE] (2009)