MHD TAMEEM KABBANI

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SUMMARY

I am a Computer Science student at the American University of Sharjah. I specialize in AI/ML and am eager to apply my technical skills and soft skills in an interactive environment. My technical expertise includes the ability to customize required specifications into useful software applications. In addition, my strong personal skills enable me to easily connect with new people and gather necessary details, facilitating effective collaboration.

EDUCATION

American University of Sharjah (AUS)
Bachelors of Science in Computer Science

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Sharjah, UAE *Aug. 2020 - Jun. 2024*

Mobile Application for Deaf Students (Senior Design Project)

Sharjah, UAE

American University of Sharjah

Aug. 2023 - Jun. 2024

- Reached the top 20 finalist teams in the Dell Competition, competing with the entire Middle East.
- Evaluated speech recognition models, selecting Google Cloud ASR for its superior real-time transcription accuracy.
- Created and optimized tailored Environmental Sound Classification Model for school setting with 90% accuracy.
- Contributed to a text-to-Emarati Sign Language avatar, enhancing educational content accessibility for deaf.

President, Arabic Heritage Club

Sharjah, UAE

American University of Sharjah

Aug. - Dec. 2023

- Led a 15-member team to organize cultural events promoting Arabic heritage.
- Mediated conflicts, fostering a cohesive environment for effective club initiatives.

Library Student Assistant

Sharjah, UAE

Aug. 2021 - June 2023

American University of Sharjah

- Worked at the Library Service Desk to address student needs.
- Assisted students with IT issues, including printing, computer-related problems, and software applications.
- Organized systematically the library books according to the Library of Congress standards.

EXPERIENCE

Qatar Computing Research Institute

Remote

Research Assistant Intern

Jun. 2024 - Present

- Contributed to a model for Arabic dialect identification.
- Developed a prototype translation model English to Arabic.
- Contributed to Arabic dialects MMLU benchmark post-editing.

CAMeL Lab - New York University

Abu Dhabi, UAE

Visiting Undergraduate Research Assistant

Jun. - Oct. 2023

- Co-authored a paper accepted to the ACL 2024 main conference.
- Released open-source diacritics analysis code using Python and GitHub, enhancing research transparency.
- Collaborated in weekly team discussions to guide the enhancement of an Arabic discritization algorithm.

aiXplain Remote

Machine Learning Intern

Dec. 2022 - May 2023

- Created a user interface for the annotator to easily modify the dataset the way the company wants.
- Researched models for speech recognition that works best with Arabic text.
- Pre-processed data given in JSON format.

Ministry of Artificial Intelligence, Cisco, and aiXplain

Dubai, UAE

NLP Trainee – Sibaq Lahja

Jul. - Oct. 2022

- Won the best team for the most contributing team to the program.
- Co-authored a paper accepted to the EMNLP 2022 conference.
- Developed two diacritization models (HMM and Seq2seq) achieving less than 9% word error rate.

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Computer & Framework Skills: GitHub, Tensorflow, PowerPoint, Word, Excel, scikit-learn, Numpy, PyTorch

Programming Languages: Python, Javascript, SQL, C++, Swift **Soft Skills:** Teamwork, Leadership, Time Management, Creativity

Language: Arabic Native Speaker, English Fluent Speaker

Extracurricular Activities: Cultures, Swimming, Tennis, Football