# WAQAS ALI

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CompSci junior with two internships and 20 side-projects seeking a Summer 2019 software engineering internship.

#### **EDUCATION**

## Pok Fu Lam, Hong Kong

## The University of Hong Kong

**September 2016 - May 2020** 

- Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Science with minor in Cognitive Science
- GPA: 3.43/4.30

- Full Scholarship for 4 Years
- Major Courses: OOP, Data Structures & Algorithms, Computer Vision, Full Stack Web Dev, Operating Systems

#### Strand, London, United Kingdom

## King's College London

January 2019 - May 2019

• Faculty Exchange Programme

- Grade: N/A
- · Major Courses: Design and Analysis of Algorithms, Machine Learning, Distributed Systems

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

## **Software Engineer, Intern**

**GRAIL Inc.** 

June 2018 - August 2018

GRAIL uses state-of-the-art computer science and data science to detect cancer early. Located in Menlo Park, California and Hong Kong.

- Removed the need for manual invoicing by designing and implementing a billing system from scratch for automated monthly invoicing of customers. Used *Golang* for back-end and *React/Redux* for front-end.
- Increased efficiency of sales and finance teams by securely integrating with third-party billing (NetSuite) and CRM (Salesforce) systems to sync billing and customer information in real-time.
- Addressed customer service and marketing needs by designing and implementing an ad hoc billing system to make corrections in invoices, add discounts during marketing drives and support special pricing per customer.
- Improved the UI by redesigning parts of the existing React/Redux web-app to use Material-UI.

## **Technology Solution Provider, Intern**

## **Microsoft Hong Kong**

June 2017 - August 2017

- Allowed small retail businesses to remain competitive against big brands and online stores by developing a complete retail solution composed of facial recognition, emotion detection, smart chatbot, easy-to-use frontend and robust backend.
- Reduced customer service cost by 30% by designing and implementing an AI-infused customer service system using Microsoft's cognitive services. Composed of a smart chatbot for customers, NLP, speech-to-text, useful analytics and robust back-end for customer service team.
- Gave Microsoft HK sales team a competitive edge by developing a web app which reduces time to find optimal Azure offerings for prospective customers by 75% while comparing with Amazon Web Services in real-time.

#### **PROJECTS**

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- **Chairman:** A R-CNN powered person detection model to detect free learning spaces around university campus at minimal cost.
- CreditSense: An automated and decentralized credit scorer.
- **Big Two:** A multiplayer networked cross-platform Big Two card game.
- Time: A VR cross-platform game to promote heritage of Kowloon Walled City Hong Kong.

#### **SKILLS AND TECHNOLOGIES**

- Core: Golang, Python, JavaScript, C/C++, Java, Shell
- Web, Mobile & Database: React, Redux, React Native, MySQL, MongoDB, PHP
- Tools & Services: Git, Unix/Linux, Docker, Unity, Azure
- Blockchain: Solidity, Ethereum, BigchainDB, Multichain

#### **ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE AND AWARDS**

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- Seed funded: HK\$100,000 by Cyberbort Creative Micro Fund
- 12 Hackathons/Competitions: Sept 2017 to June 2018 (Won 6)
- Teaching Assistant: ENGG1111 Computer Programming and Applications

#### **POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY**

- Founder Chi Sun Turing Club: A 10-member team working on tech-driven solutions for HKU student-life
- Microsoft Student Partner Hong Kong: Sept 2016 to May 2017