Waqas Ali

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EDUCATION

Pok Fu Lam, Hong Kong

The University of Hong Kong

September 2016 - May 2020

- Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Science Full Scholarship for 4 Years
- Highlight Courses: Design and Analysis of Algorithms, Machine Learning, Computer Vision, Distributed Systems

EMPLOYMENT

Software Engineer, Intern

Credit Suisse

June - August 2019

- **Increased development efficiency** by making an internal tool to visualize machine learning models in development, backtest them and get feedback on the results from various stakeholders.
- Developed a full stack typescript project from scratch with a GraphQL server and React frontend. Implemented a continuous integration pipeline with testing, dockerization and private cloud deployment (using Kubernetes).

Software Engineer, Intern

GRAIL Inc.

June - August 2018

- Removed the need for manual invoicing by implementing a billing system from scratch for automated
 monthly invoicing of customers. Generated PDF for each invoice automatically. Integrated with NetSuite
 and Salesforce to sync customer information in real-time.
- **Allowed billing flexibility** by developing a dashboard to make corrections in invoices, add discounts during marketing drives and support special pricing per customer.
- Used Golang, React and Redux with robust unit and integration tests.

Software Engineer, Intern

Microsoft Hong Kong

June - August 2017

- **Reduced customer service cost by 30%** by designing and implementing an Al-infused customer service platform using Azure's cognitive services. Composed of chatbot, NLP and speech-to-text on the frontend with an analytics backend. (*Node.js, jQuery*)
- Reduced time for sales team to find optimal Azure offerings for their customers by 75% through developing a web app which allows convenient searching and filtering of offered products while comparing them with those of competitors such as AWS. (*jQuery*)

HIGHLIGHT PROJECTS

See more at <u>WagasAli.dev/work</u>

- **StudentBase** Community for high school students to share resources. GraphQL Server with 95% testing coverage, JWT Authentication, Dropbox integration for content storage, React frontend, Dockerized, Written in Typescript. (30,000 monthly active users)
- Chairman R-CNN powered person detection model to find unoccupied learning spaces on campus

SKILLS AND TECHNOLOGIES

- Core Go, Typescript, JavaScript, Python, C, C++, Java, PHP, SQL, Shell, Unix, Distributed Computing
- Web, Mobile & Database React, GraphQL, Redux, React Native | D3.js, Unity | SQL, MongoDB
- ML/AI Classification, Regression, Search, Reinforcement Learning, Markov Models

Additional Experience and Awards

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- **Teaching Assistant** ENGG1111 Computer Programming and Applications
- Cyberport Creative Micro Fund Seed-funded HK\$100,000 for development of project CreditSense
- Radica/UBS BigDatathon 2018 Winner
- Chengdu 80 Fintech 2018 Runner-up

LEADERSHIP

• **Founder Chi Sun Turing Club** A student group working on tech-driven solutions to improve student life in residences of University of Hong Kong. Led a team of 10 to develop a college management system and mobile app.