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#### **ABOUT ME**

With a willingness to learn, a growth mindset and continuous learning, I enjoy advocating for and applying AI to solve business challenges, with an aim to optimise operations and gain more experience presenting solutions to stakeholders, clients, and teams.

#### **EDUCATION**

MSc. Artificial Intelligence with MyWorld Scholarship – University of the West of England (UWE) • (Sep 2024 – May 2027)

- Status: Gap Year for working opportunities, resuming for Sep 2026
- Topics: Model Training (Gradient Descent .etc.), Data Science & Statistical Inference with R, ML Algorithms, Deep Learning

BA Honours. Automotive & Transport Design with Placement – Coventry University (Sep 2017 – Jul 2023) • Overall grade: (1st Class)

### **RELEVANT EXPERIENCE & PROJECTS**

- NYC Taxi Fare Cost Prediction – Using PyTorch

Built a taxi fare prediction model using PyTorch for a regression task based on the NYC Taxi Fares dataset, and designed a custom neural network class from scratch, implementing key components like forward propagation, backpropagation, and gradient descent. The model was trained to predict ride costs using features such as pickup/dropoff location, time, and passenger count,

- Iris Classification ANN – Using PyTorch (Jul 2025)
Following tutorials from Pierian Data's "Deep Learning with PyTorch", I built a <u>95% accurate classifier</u> using a custom-built Artificial Neural Network for the iris petal dataset, which enables the classification of a flower species based on sepal length, petal length and petal width.

- Email Spam Detection, NLP Classification - Using Scikit-Learn

achieving an average prediction accuracy within \$3.60 of the actual fare.

(May 2025)

A Natural Language Processing end-to-end email spam detector using NLTK for tokenisation and stemming, plus custom scikit-learn transformers to convert emails into word-count and TF–IDF features. By fine-tuning Logistic Regression, Multinomial Naive Bayes, and Random Forest via 3-fold CV and GridSearchCV, the pipeline achieves over 94% accuracy and above 96% precision/recall on both standard and challenging SpamAssassin datasets.

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

Independent Composites Ltd – Software Development Intern – Bristol, UK

(Nov 2024 – Apr 2025)

Designed an <u>End-to-end Data Transformation Pipeline Algorithm</u> using an array of stacked Python scripts with subsystems,
 Error Handling and Debugging, querying an MS Access Relational Database using SQL, to generate financial cost quotes at up to 800% speed for customers in addition to writing an instruction Documentation for how to use it.

**TotalSim** – Computational Fluid Dynamics Visualisation Intern – Silverstone, UK

(Jul 2021 - Nov 2021)

Communicated effectively alongside a cross-functional Applied Physics (Aerodynamicist) team to use Scientific Computing to
produce a Senior-level series of 3D renderings for the 2021 Formula One prototype for Formula One Management <u>2.8 times</u>
<u>faster than the standard operational speed</u> by using a queuing system that could utilise parallelism while I focused on other
managing time with billable client projects and presenting weekly developments of an advanced formula one vision concept.