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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

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**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:** (1<sup>st</sup> Class)

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE & PROJECTS

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- **NYC Taxi Fare Cost Prediction** – Using **PyTorch** (Jul 2025)

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

- **Iris Classification ANN** – Using **PyTorch** (Jul 2025)

Following tutorials from Pierian Data's "Deep Learning with PyTorch", I built a **95% accurate classifier** 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** (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

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**Independent Composites Ltd** – *Software Development Intern* – Bristol, UK (Nov 2024 – Apr 2025)

- Designed an **End-to-end Data Transformation Pipeline Algorithm** 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 **2.8 times faster than the standard operational speed** 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.