

# BILAL MUSTAFA SHEIKH

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A second-year Cardiff University Student enrolled in Computer Science (predicted 1<sup>st</sup> class) who has knowledge in different programming languages: Python, Java, and Swift. Seeking an Industrial placement as a Software Engineer Associate to gain work experience. Aiming to be a Software Engineer to develop new applications for finance, healthcare, and technology sector.

## EDUCATION

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**BSC Computer Science with Security and Forensics, Cardiff University**

**2019 –Present**

- **Maths for Computer Science, 95%:** Learnt about how cryptography works and how ciphers like Caesar and Substitution are programmed in Python, which improved mathematical and programming skills.
- **Architecture and Operating Systems, 75%:** Gained knowledge on Computer Level Hierarchy which included: Digital Logic, Control, Machine, System Software, Assembly Language, High-level Language and User.
- **Database Systems, (completion on 31<sup>st</sup> Jan):** Learning how a database is designed using UML diagram and the types of normalisations. Improved SQL in Oracle SQL Plus by learning basic commands and making reports.
- **Problem Solving with Python, 78%:** Improved skills in programming skills in Python by doing an assessment, which involved comparing different scoring methods for squash sport by simulation. Also learnt about mathematics topics that included logic and probability.

**Manarat Al Riyadh International School**

**2015 – 2019**

- **A-Levels:** Mathematics (B), Computer Science (B), Business Studies (D)
- **SAT:** Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (530), Maths (680)
- **GCSEs:** 6 x A-C, including Maths, English, and Computer Science

## SKILLS

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**Programming Skills:** Experience in Python, Java, Swift, SQL. Most of the assessments were in Python in the first year.

**Web:** Experience in HTML, CSS, Flask. Programmed a shopping website as a part of a group project using HTML, CSS and Flask.

**Teamwork:** Involved in numerous groups projects such as making a word-based Python game, programmed the ending part of the game and to test the game and give feedback to the team. Played teamwork-based sports like cricket and football.

**Communication:** Part of doing group projects is to have good communication between team members. Developed communication skills through the delivery of the presentation. Had regular face-to-face meetings before the pandemic, then switched to Microsoft Teams for meetings for group projects.

**Problem Solving:** In Problem Solving with Python Coursework, the task was to recommend which scoring method in squash is better. Simulated both scoring methods in Python. Analysed and made a report on which method is better.

## PROJECT WORK

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### Buffon's Needle Simulation

- Developed a GUI using MATLAB App Designer, which allowed the user to run Buffon's needle simulation to estimate Pi's value.
- The GUI allowed many user options in which the user can run the simulation. E.g., the user had an option of running the simulation using needles or squares.
- Improved on how to create and design a GUI using the App Designer.

### Simple Document Searching

- Created the searching algorithm in Python, that helps the user search for a particular keyword from the document.
- Gained knowledge on creating an Inverted Index, used to store common words and the documents associated with each word.

### Shopping Website

- As a group project, developed an online shopping website that sold the latest technology products.
- Programmed the Shopping Basket page, where the users could find all the items added to the basket, the subtotal and can update the cart.
- Organised and Planned the tasks by using Trello, where every member could see the completed tasks and what to do next, which helped complete the project quicker.
- Utilized: Python, Flask, HTML/CSS, Gitlab, MySQL.

## EXPERIENCE

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### Student Mentor

2020 – Present

- Mentored 9 first-year students from the Computer Science course to provide information about study-related matters and social life in Cardiff.
- Built strong relationships with the mentees by arranging meetings and ensuring that the mentees face no difficulty settling in.

### Clean Up Cardiff

Feb 2020

- Volunteered to clean up Bute Park in Cardiff with 9 other volunteers, which built new relationships with the other volunteers.
- Created groups of 2 volunteers and the team leader allocated an area for cleaning, which increased efficiency as the task completed quickly.

## INTERESTS

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**Sports:** Part of the Cricket development squad in Cardiff University Team. Participated in Inter-School tournament in Riyadh Cricket League and was the top scorer in the tournament. Played as a defender with Pakistan Society Football Team in the university league.

**Technology:** Keep up to date with the latest news and trends in the technology Industry. Interested in companies like Apple, Google, Huawei, and the novel products introduced to the tech industry and subscribed to Medium articles related to Technology.

*References available on request*