

Dhiaa Mejd

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Research intrests

Reasearch intrest revolves around advancing the automation, interpretability, and scalability of data engineering pipelines using large language models (LLMs). My research focuses on how LLMs can be leveraged to generate, validate, and optimize ETL workflows and improve MLOps processes in production-scale distributed systems. Key questions I explore include the accuracy and executability of LLM-generated ETL scripts, their interpretability in complex data engineering contexts, and how such intelligent automation can modernize and transform cloud-based data pipelines. Through my PhD, I aim to develop novel methods and systems that bridge state-of-the-art natural language processing with practical, robust data engineering solutions for real-world applications.

Education

Computer science and Engineering Exchange student

01/2023 – 06/2023

Hochschule Offenburg

Accepted as a part of the DAAD KOSPIE competitive scholarship with only 10% acceptance rate (4.0 GPA)

Master's equivalent in Engineering | Computer science and Applied Mathematics Engineering

06/2023

National Engineering School of Sfax

Tunisia, Sfax

- Advisors: Adel M. Alimi

- 4.0 GPA Masters

- 3.5 GPA Cumulative

Degree in Mathematics and Physics

07/2020

Faculty of Sciences of Sfax

- First in Class during 1st year.

- During Second year, passed the national engineering school entrance exam ranked in the top 30% in the country.

Publications

STM32 miner : A lightweight blockchain mining system

Jalel Ktari, Hedi Choura, Tarek Frikha, Mouna Baklouti, **Dhiaa Mejd**, Molka Kotti, Ahmed Zribi, Hassine Touil, Ghaith Oueslati.

2023 IEEE International Conference on Design, Test and Technology of Integrated Systems (DTTIS)

Integration of a Deep Neural Network for Product Identification And Spectra Dimensional Reduction (UV to VIS) in a Full Industry

4.0 Environment

Dhiaa Mejd, Adel M. Alimi, Patrick Selle.

National Engineering school of Sfax

LLM-in-the-Loop Feedback-Driven ETL: A Modular Architecture for Trustworthy, Self-Adaptive Data Pipelines

Dhiaa Mejd*, Manuscript in Preparation Target venue: VLDB 2026.

Prompt Engineering for Data Engineering Tasks: Techniques, Applications, and Comparative Analysis

Dhiaa Mejd*, Manuscript in preparation Target venue: NeurIPS 2025 Workshop on Evaluating the Evolving LLM Lifecycle: Benchmarks, Emergent Abilities, and Scaling

Social User Profiling for Personalized Advertisement Recommendation: A Multi-Modal Deep Learning Approach

Dhiaa Mejd*, Imen Selmi*, Oussama Mejri*, Adel M. Alimi. Manuscript under review

Research and Professional Experience

Deep Learning Research intern

03/2023 – 08/2023

Hahn-Schickard Gesellschaft fuer Angewandte Forschung e.V.

Villingen Schwenningen,
Germany

- Selected for a prestigious German government scholarship awarded to the top 10% of Tunisian applicants.
- Developed and integrated a deep neural network to identify products and perform spectral dimensionality reduction (UV to VIS) within a fully digitized Industry 4.0 manufacturing environment.
- Designed an innovative Spectroscopic Process Analytical System enhancing product quality control and process efficiency.
- Applied advanced data preprocessing, feature importance analysis, and various machine learning techniques (e.g., MLP, XGBoost) to optimize model performance.
- Managed the full project lifecycle including data collection, model training, evaluation (MSE, R2 score), and deployment recommendations.
- Successfully defended thesis in front of a distinguished jury of professors and industry experts, earning **4.0 GPA, High Honours, and Jury Distinction.**

Research student assistant

09/2021 – 05/2022

Department of Computer Engineering and Applied Mathematics at ENIS

Sfax, Tunisia

Social User Profiling for Ads Recommendation

Got 4.0 GPA for the final research assistanship on the presented project

- Conducted research and developed a social user profiling app to improve ad targeting using machine learning, computer vision, and natural language processing.
- Implemented front-end with React.js, back-end with Firebase and MongoDB, and integrated deep learning models (TunBert, CNN, RNN, LSTM).
- Designed and performed web scraping using Selenium for data collection.

- Collaborated with academic supervisors and team members; documented findings in a formal project report.
- Conducted web scraping via Selenium for data collection and analysis.
- Managed project lifecycle with DevOps tools including GitLab and Azure DevOps.
- Achieved **4.0 GPA** on the project, ranked **first in the cohort**.
- Presented findings and demonstration to a jury of doctorate-level professors.

MLOps research intern

06/2022 – 09/2022

Udini (DeepSmile Lab)

- Implementation of a deployment workflow for deep learning models on the AWS platform.
- Investigate quantization and model compilation techniques to reduce the GPU memory footprint and the run-time of model inferences.
- Python, ONNX, tensorRT, AWS, Ci/Cd.

Data Engineer

09/2023 – Present
Düsseldorf; Germany

ERGO GROUP AG

- Designed scalable big data pipelines for streaming and batch processing, enabling efficient ingestion and transformation of health insurance data into AWS-based data lakes (S3).
- Automated ETL workflows using Spark and PySpark, reducing data preparation time from one month to one day.
- Collaborated with stakeholders to define model development requirements and success criteria.
- Supported AI Factory architecture development on AWS by integrating data pipelines and deployment processes.
- Developed Python automation scripts for pipeline management and data processing.
- Utilized AWS Sagemaker Pipelines and Docker for model training, deployment, and endpoint management.
- Contributed to CI/CD workflows for MLOps, including model versioning, monitoring, and retraining.
- Enabled RESTful model serving via FastAPI to support internal integrations.

DevOps engineer

09/2022 – 01/2023
France, Paris

OliveSoft

- Documenting and Creating of workshops to Educate partners on project management tools.
- Manage GLPI Service Desk tickets, and manage JIRA and confluence teams for Celine, and LVMH Group.
- Creation of Jira projects, Confluence spaces, and educating partners on them.
- Maintainance of the company's website, and mentorship on Azure and WordPress

Machine Learning Intern & Technology unit Leader

04/2022 – 07/2022
Hong Kong, Online

Rouge International

- Building an AI-powered Search Engine, "FUTURE engine", to provide Analytics for ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) investing.

Teaching & Mentorship Experience

Guest Lecturer & Peer Instructor

10/2020 – 12/2022
Tunisia, Sfax

National Engineering School of Sfax

Delivered short-form lectures and technical presentations to peers as part of advanced coursework and collaborative learning activities. Topics included:

- Microsoft Corporation (Quality Management course)
- Atlas AI Computing Platform (Huawei AI course)
- Introduction to Cybersecurity (Cyber Security course)
- .NET Architecture
- Web Servers & Application Servers (Web Development course)
- Microcontroller PIC & Microchip LE 16F84

Workshop Facilitator

01/2021 – 06/2024
Sfax, Tunisia

IEEE ENIS Student Branch

Designed and led interactive technical workshops for students, covering:

- MLOps best practices
- C++ & Object-Oriented Programming
- Competitive Programming
- Video Editing Fundamentals

STEM Outreach & Youth Mentorship

06/2022 – 09/2022
Sfax, Tunisia

IEEE STEM Mentorship at IEEE ENIS Student Branch

Led and Chaired the IEEE Summer Camp, where I developed and delivered a workshop on Space and Cybersecurity for teenagers and high school students, fostering early interest in STEM fields.

Awards

DAAD KOSPIE Scholarship Research Exchange Student

19/07/2022

DAAD: German Academic Exchange Service

Best Chapter IAS Award

IEEE TSYP Congress

IEEE Regional Exemplary Student Branch Award

Served as the Chair of IEEE ENIS SB when we got the award

Second Place in the Regional Technical Robotics Challenge at ENIS

National Engineering School of Sfax

Best tasks Ambassador

IEEE Xtreme 15.0

Best Delegate Award

Tunisian International Model United Nations (MUN)

5th place Technical challenge

National Microsoft Tech Club

Skills

Programming Languages:

Python, C, C++ & Java

MLOps & CI/CD:

SageMaker Pipelines, Model Deployment & Monitoring, GitLab CI/CD, GitHub Actions, Jenkins, DataDog

Continuous Integration and Deployment:

GitLab, GitHub, Jenkins

Libraries & Data Tools:

Pandas, PySpark, Seaborn, OpenCV

Big Data & Data Engineering:

Apache Spark, PySpark, Apache Kafka, AWS EMR, Databricks, AWS S3, AWS Glue, Data Lake Architecture, Batch & Streaming Data Pipelines, ETL Development

Cloud Platforms & Services:

AWS (SageMaker, Lambda, Textract, S3, EMR), Microsoft Azure

Database Management:

PostgreSQL, MySQL

ML & Deep Learning:

Linear Regression, Logistic Regression, Naive Bayes, CNN, RNN, Keras, TensorFlow, PyTorch, Scikit-learn

Streaming & Real-Time Processing:

Apache Kafka, Spark Streaming

Web Development & APIs:

FastAPI, REST APIs, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, React.js, PHP

Generative AI & LLM Tooling:

LangChain, RAG, OpenAI API, Hugging Face Transformers

Containerization & Orchestration:

Docker, Kubernetes

Design:

Figma, Adobe Illustrator, XD, premiere.

Organisations

PyCon DE & PyData

Workshop chair

- Moderated Workshops as part of the organizing committee

05/2025 – 05/2025
Darmstadt, germany

IEEE ENIS Student Branch

Chairman

- Management of 10 Sub-Clubs with website maintenances of and animating training sessions.

01/2022 – 01/2023

IEEE ENIS Computer Society Chapter

Manager

01/2022 – 01/2023

IEEE ENIS PRESS

Writer

- Wrote articles on social media and did the media coverage of several events.

01/2021 – 01/2023

Pitch Yourself For A Career 6.0 & 7.0

Organizer and moderator

- Moderator, hosted interviews. The face of PYFAC 7.0 at the computer science department

01/2021 – 01/2022

IEEE ENIS Industry Application Society Chapter

Chairman

- Organized training sessions with national and international trainers
- Participated in the CMD awards, and TSYP where we won, best chapter award.

Microsoft Technologies Club

Media Manager

- Project Manager of Microsoft Tech Club design event
- Creator of MTC Tech Podcast
- Creation and Maintainance of MTC Website

09/2020 – 09/2021

Angel Club Sfax Japanse and Asian Culture Club

Vice president, head of marketing department

- Held a postition as the event chair for ABM musical festival for Orphans Charity

09/2015 – 09/2021

Radio Panorama

Moderator of Tech Podcast, Radio technician

09/2015 – 06/2021

Public Institute of Music Sfax

Music Student

09/2016 – 09/2018