# **FARHA SAYED**

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## **KEY SKILLS**

Java | Python | C | Cloud Computing | Kubernetes | Docker | Red Hat | Cybersecurity | R | SQL | LaTeX

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

Gulf Business Machines — Junior Engineer, Cybersecurity | Abu Dhabi, UAE

NOV 2024 - PRESENT

BGC Group/ Cantor Fitzgerald - Infrastructure (Technology) Intern, UNIX | London, UK

JULY 2024 - SEPT 2024

- Migrated observability stack from monolithic versions to cloud-agnostic microservices on Red Hat OpenShift
- Deployed infrastructure and log management apps Prometheus, Promtail, Grafana, Loki, Mimir and OTel
- Customized Docker images to adhere to security standards and meet platform-specific requirements
- Introduced Kubernetes, Helm charts and Open Shift via demos to 15-20 team members
- Worked alongside team to learn about maintaining CentOS/Rocky Linux servers
- Researched the Java JMX Exporter to instrument Java applications and expose their metrics
- Used **Nexus** and **Vault** for artifact and secret management
- Learnt about PostgreSQL architecture, GitLab CI/CD and automation using Ansible AWX

## Quantum Ventura — Technology Intern, Cybersecurity | Dubai, UAE

JUNE 2022 - AUG 2022

- Gained foundational knowledge in cybersecurity and network fundamentals
- Explored the intricacies of network layers and the process of data transfer between machines
- Investigated a range of cyber threats such as DDoS, Injection, Password, XSS, Backdoor & Ransomware
- Worked with a team of 5 on the launch of an NDR/EDR product to monitor, detect and visualize threats
- Evaluated softwares such as Apache Flink, Kafka, Zeek and ElasticSearch
- Analyzed market segments to effectively position product within the competitive landscape
- Conceptualized 10-15 dashboard features such as different dashboards for IT admins and senior leadership

### **CERTIFICATIONS**

AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner (CCP)
Red Hat RHCSA Rapid Track Course (RH199)
Fortinet Certified Fundamentals - Cybersecurity (FCF)
Certified Kubernetes Administrator (CKA)

NOV 2024 NOV 2024

OCT 2024

EXPECTED: DEC 2024

## **EDUCATION**

**University of Leeds** — **BSc Computer Science and Mathematics (Honors)** | Leeds, UK Relevant: OOP, Algorithms & Data Structures, Al, Numerical Computation, Databases

SEPT 2021 - JUNE 2024

**GEMS Modern Academy** – High School Diploma | Dubai, UAE

APR 2017 - SEPT 2021

Relevant: Comp.Sci. - Java (Grade 10 & 12: 100%; 97%), Maths (Grades 10 & 12: 94%; 91%)

#### **PROJECTS**

Proactive Autoscaling in Kubernetes - Research project on autoscaling strategies on Microsoft Azure

Al Presenter - Spoke at the 'New Directions in Al' conference at SRM Institute before 150+ attendees

'Carpe Vitae Capital' - Team of 3 built a web page using HTML/CSS, JavaScript to visualize financial assets

'Our Meraki' - Created a platform to assist with animal adoption, designed the website with 200+ adoption listings

Data Mining - Team research on 'Sentiment Analysis in the Fashion Industry' for an EPSRC proposal