# Hélder Gomes

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#### Education

## Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science and Engineering

Sep. 2022 — Jun. 2025

University of Minho

• Cumulative GPA: 16/20 (Top 8%)

Braga, Portugal

# **University Projects**

**Route Optimizer** | Python, Git

Grade: 19/20

Artificial Intelligence Class

2024

- Conceived a Python program to optimize resource distribution on a graph using AI pathfinding techniques. Within a 4-person team, designed and implemented a custom A\*-inspired algorithm, then conducted benchmark tests on graphs (max. 500 nodes), demonstrating reduced search time by 16% and improved resource efficiency by 4%.
- Pioneered a complementary graph representation of the <u>map of Portugal</u>, that accurately plots 307 municipalities, to enhance the project's applicability to real-world scenarios, improving its practical relevance and usability.

Fitness Application | Java, Git

Grade: 20/20

Object Oriented Program

2023

- Developed a Java-based fitness application, applying Object-Oriented Programming principles to ensure a modular and scalable system.
- Designed an automatic workout plan generator, implemented time jumps, training statistics, and query-based leaderboards to identify top users, enhancing engagement and performance tracking.
  Applied design patterns such as MVC, Abstract Factory, Facade, and Observer to structure the application, improve maintainability,
- and enable dynamic updates based on user interactions.

Network Monitor | Go, Git Grade: 19/20

Computer Networking

2024

- Designed a network monitor in Go to analyze network links and devices across a distributed environment. Implemented custom UDP-based and TCP-based application-layer protocols, enabling fast communication between multiple agents and a centralized server, with minimal latency.
- Configured a scalable architecture supporting up to 36 multiple agents, using JSON-based task management to define operations and thresholds. Validated the system through thorough testing with <u>CORE</u>, monitoring metrics like latency and bandwidth across various simulated devices.

### **Extracurriculars**

## **Pedagogical Department Coordinator**

2022 - Present

CeSIUM (Software Engineering Students' Association of the University of Minho)

Braga, Portugal

- I commenced my involvement with this Association by assuming the role of a collaborator within the Pedagogical Department. Our objective is to enhance the course curriculum and provide support to the students;
- In my second year at university, I continued my engagement by taking on the role of Co-Director of the Pedagogical Department, overseeing the department's operations and strategic planning. I worked closely with a team of dedicated collaborators and faculty from various disciplines within our course;
- Currently, in my final year of my bachelor's degree, I serve as a vowel of the Pedagogical Department, acting as a liaison between the department members and the presidency to ensure effective communication and collaboration.

#### **General Coordinator & Mentor**

2022-Present

CoderDojo Braga

Braga, Portugal

- I embarked on my journey as a mentor, where I had the opportunity to instruct children in computing and programming using the CoderDojo Global (Code Club) methodology;
- In my inaugural year of contribution, I assumed the role of DojoCare Responsible, a branch within CoderDojo tasked with extending our ethos and knowledge to underprivileged children. The next year, I continued to serve as the DojoCare lead while also spearheading our flagship event, Coder Camp, a week-long summer program that offers children the opportunity to immerse themselves in a range of engaging activities while gaining foundational knowledge in computer science.
- Currently, I am the Champion (general organizer) of CoderDojo Braga, leading a team of over 10 core members who, through our regular monthly sessions and additional events such as Dojo Care and Coder Camp, engage with more than 300 people each month.

### Other qualifications

- Technical Skills: Light involvement in projects with Javascript/Typescript, Node/Next.js, .NET, Blazor, Golang, MySQL, Tailwind, CSS, HTML, Haskell, C, Java, VisualBasic and Python.
- Languages: English (fluent), Portuguese (native)