# JAMES REA

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English & French native highly technical Senior Software Engineer focused on scaling AI applications.

#### TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

Languages Python, Go, ReactJS, SQL, Scala, Rust, C, Elixir Infrastructure AWS, Terraform, Kubernetes, RabbitMQ, PostgreSQL

DevOps Git, CircleCI

Certification Kubernetes CKAD, Azure AZ-900 Cloud Fundamentals

## WORK EXPERIENCE

 $\mathbf{Hazy} \to \mathbf{SAS}$  Technologies Software Engineer  $\to$  Senior Software Engineer

Sept. 2022 - Current

- Key contributor to scaling Hazy's AI platform to an elastic distributed Kubernetes application. This project lead to a 50% reduction in our AWS costs.
- Designed and monitored Hazy's SaaS demo platform, built with Terraform and Python, achieving 200+ signups.
- Currently, helping to integrate Hazy's core Python services to SAS' GoLang services, directing on design decisions (incl. REST API and database models).

# JPMorgan & Chase Associate Engineer

Oct. 2021 - Aug. 2022

- Built a time-critical financial portfolio optimiser, developing both ReactJS frontend and Python backend, reducing latency via Redis caches.
- Maintained 40+ legacy microservices daily batch process, increasing scalability tenfold through triggering concurrent processes.
- Volunteering at JPMC's ForceForGood tech program, helping a charity optimise their databases.

## ForwardU Tech (FWU) Luxembourg Junior Backend Engineer

Nov. 2020 - Sept 2021

- Developed several Python microservices for an event-driven portfolio management platform.
- Built several risk reports in SQL, providing auditability for fund managers.

# **EDUCATION**

Imperial College, London

Sept. 2019 - Sept. 2020 75% (Distinction)

MSc Computing Science

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University of Birmingham, Birmingham

Sept. 2015 - June 2019

BA Mathematics and Philosophy

84% (First Class) [Ranked first in graduating class]

#### **PROJECTS**

RabbitMQ Operator - June 2024 - a Kubernetes Operator writing in GoLang for managing RabbitMQ users and permissions, relying on CRDs, Finalizers and Owned References Kubernetes primitives.

Spark PrivBayes - Sept. 2024 - running Bayesian network AI model on an Apache Spark cluster to improve horizontal scalability of model.

Word2Mouth - Summer 2020 - PoC Android-based eLearning platform to enable access to education in areas of low internet/low literacy. Project has been recognised by IEEE Global Engineering Educational Conference in 2021, with research paper published in April 2021.