# Muhammad Rafay Aleem

#### WORK Jan. 2016 -Current EXPERIENCE

#### dubizze (OLX) - software engineer

- Helped expand the "motors" pack from 4 to 7 by guiding new-joiners during their onboarding process
- Architected and migrated payment web-service to a new payment gateway through an A/B test by leveraging HAProxy sticky sessions
- Authored "A/B Testing Our Way to a Better Payment Gateway" on Hacker Noon covering the nitty gritty details of A/B testing payment service over HAProxy
- Got my pull request merged into Shopify Sarama Kafka client library
- Worked on projects such as new user dashboards, payment flows, overhauling cpanel authorization for staff users and product A/B tests
- Migrated core products microservice from PostgreSQL to MySQL with just 6 minutes of downtime
- Created RESTful APIs for user dashboards using Django REST Framework
- Created Python library to generate XSD by defining them in Python instead of XML
- Integrated first ever Car Report service in UAE with dubizzle
- Spearheaded launch of dubizzle engineering blog to help improve the engineering culture while also helping with hiring process
- Selected as OLX Tech Ambassador for MENA region

June 2014 -Dec. 2015

### dubizze (OLX) - junior software engineer

- Wrote Kafka consumers and producers using kafka-python
- Maintained and improved image processing service by implementing multi-threading
- Learned to use Percona toolkit to perform live database migrations
- Worked on migrating core website from Django 1.4 to 1.7.10
- Maintained core service layer between dubizzle monolith and Silverpop marketing platform
- · Wrote microservices for third-party integration such as vehicle search through number plates
- Learned concepts such as SOA, load balancing, load testing, caching, message bus, canary releases and asynchronous tasks
- Joined dubizzle as a fresh computer science graduate

June 2013 -

## KTH Applied Information Security Lab (NUST) - software development intern

Aug 2013

• Implemented OpenStack Swift object storage encryption using PyCrypto Python cryptography toolkit

PUBLICATIONS

Mar. 13, 2017

A/B Testing Our Way to a Better Payment Gateway (Hacker Noon)

Mar. 31, 2016

Apache Kafka Producer Benchmarks — Java vs. Jython vs. Python (personal blog)

Feb. 8, 2016

Live MySQL Schema Changes on Amazon RDS with Percona — A Walkthrough (personal blog)

**OPEN SOURCE** Oct, 2016

• Shopify Sarama: Pull request to Shopify Sarama Kafka client

May, 2016

• Simple-crawler: Webcrawler framework written in Python

Sep, 2015

• Gdx-sqlite: Cross-platform extension for database handling in Libgdx

**TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE** 

Web Development

Python (Django/REST Framework and Bottle), MySQL, Kafka, Redis, Celery, AWS, Percona Toolkit, HAProxy,

Other Languages Miscellaneous

Java, basic knowledge of Go Git, python-kafka, Sarama

**EDUCATION** 

Class of 2014

National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST)

Bachelor of Software Engineering

**ACTIVITIES** 

- Guitar player
- Runner
- Hiker
- Horse riding