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## Summary

I am an AI researcher with extensive experience in artificial intelligence and software engineering. I am currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Computer Science at the University of Lille. —

## Core Strengths

- Knowledge Bases & Knowledge Engineering
- Software Engineering & Large Language Models (LLMs)
- Information Systems & Knowledge Management
- Research Coordination & Project Leadership
- Team Management & Mentorship
- Applied AI for Public and Institutional Use

## Experience

**AI Researcher** — INRIA (Villeneuve-d'Ascq, France) *Oct. 2024 – Oct. 2027* - Improving code completion and code generation using LLMs, specifically targeting the Pharo programming language, which has limited training data. - Developing techniques for code completion, type inference, and deployment in Pharo's IDE, with a focus on runtime performance.

**AI Engineer** — INERIS (Ver-en-Halatte, France) *Sept. 2023 – Sept. 2024* - Developed "INERIS-IA," a tool to classify textual documents according to INERIS's strategic goals using ML and NLP techniques. - Created Boolean queries for document retrieval and improved corpus quality through document similarity and keyword extraction.

## Projects

### PharoGPT

- LLM-based code assistant for the Pharo ecosystem, inspired by ChatGPT and specialized for Smalltalk/Pharo.
- Fine-tuned language models on Pharo codebases to overcome data scarcity and language-specific challenges.
- Designed an end-to-end pipeline including data collection, model fine-tuning, evaluation, and deployment.
- **GitHub Repository:** PharoGPT

### Pharo-Copilot

- Intelligent code completion and generation tool for Pharo, inspired by GitHub Copilot.
- Focused on repository-level and package-aware code completion.
- Leveraged LLMs to improve developer productivity in a dynamically typed language.
- **GitHub Repository:** Pharo-Copilot

### ChatPharo

- Live conversational interface between Pharo developers and large language models.

- Enables interactive discussions with LLMs directly from the Pharo environment.
- Designed an open and extensible architecture to experiment with multiple LLM backends.
- **GitHub Repository:** ChatPharo

## INERIS-IA

- AI platform developed at INERIS for document classification and knowledge management.
- Built a Flask-based web interface integrating multiple ML and NLP models.
- Trained document classification models aligned with COP 2027 objectives and INERIS strategic themes.
- **GitHub Repository:** INERIS-IA

## Leadership & Community

- Project lead for **ChatPharo**, **Pharo-Copilot**, and **PharoGPT**
- Mentor for **Google Summer of Code (GSoC) 2025**
- President of **NeuroTech-Lille**, a student association focused on AI and neuroscience
- Contributor at **Ministère de la Transition Écologique (Club IA et Transition écologique)**

## Awards

**Best Paper Award (3rd place)** — IWSIT 2025, Gdańsk, Poland  
"Package-Aware Approach for Repository-Level Code Completion in Pharo" —

## Education

**University of Lille** — Villeneuve-d'Ascq, France  
*Ph.D. in Computer Science*  
(Oct. 2024 – Present)

**University of Lorraine** — Nancy, France  
*M.Sc. in Natural Language Processing*  
(Sept. 2022 – Sept. 2024)

**Lebanese University** — Beirut, Lebanon  
*B.Sc. in Data Science*  
(Sept. 2019 – July 2022)

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## Skills

- **Programming Languages:** Python, Pharo, Java, R, JavaScript, PHP, MySQL
- **Machine Learning & Deep Learning:** TensorFlow, PyTorch, Keras, Scikit-learn
- **Natural Language Processing (NLP):** spaCy, NLTK
- **Big Data & Distributed Systems:** Apache Spark, Hadoop
- **Data Analysis & Visualization:** Pandas, Matplotlib, Seaborn
- **Scientific Computing:** NumPy, SciPy

## Languages

- **Arabic:** Native
  - **French:** Native
  - **English:** B2
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*Full academic CV, publications, and additional projects available on request.*