

# Shashwat Dalal

## SENIOR MACHINE LEARNING ENGINEER, QUANTUMBLACK COMPUTING MENG, IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

### QUANTUMBLACK (A MCKINSEY COMPANY) | SENIOR MACHINE LEARNING ENGINEER

September 2020 – Current | London, United Kingdom

- **Tech lead** for the **simulation based optimisation** group. Helped guide and shape **10+ client engagements** across various industries (e.g. **Energy / Automotive / Logistics**).
- Lead a team of 5 engineers to build a **Reinforcement Learning** bidding agent for a **Battery Energy Storage System** that beat the existing linear-programming approach by 34%. Was responsible for the technical deliverables, project-management, and system architecture.
- Lead the development of a **distributed optimiser** for a turbine OCM. directly lead to +0.4% turbine efficiency (validated by CFD), in 1/20th the time, and half the cost. Optimiser used both **genetic and bayesian methods** and ran on a cluster of 20 machines using **Ray**.
- Lead the data engineering workstream for a large pharmaceutical live clinical trial optimization engagement. Built a feature engineering framework that unified historical and live features. The framework reduced two weeks of work.

### BLOOMBERG | SOFTWARE ENGINEERING INDUSTRIAL PLACEMENT

April 2019 – September 2019 | London, United Kingdom

- Maintained **BuildStream**, an open source build and integration tool written in **Python**.
- Wrote a plugin to automate the creation of reproducible and layered **Docker** images.  
*Report:* [https://shashwatdalal.github.io/files/placement\\_report.pdf](https://shashwatdalal.github.io/files/placement_report.pdf)

### BARCLAYS INVESTMENT BANK | SUMMER TECHNOLOGY ANALYST

June 2018 – September 2018 | London, United Kingdom

## EDUCATION

### IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON | COMPUTING MENG. (GRADUATED 1ST CLASS)

2016 - 2020 | London, United Kingdom

#### Academic Projects

- **Effect of Non-Identically Distributed Data on Federated Learning for Next-Word Prediction:** Final year project.  
*Report:* [https://shashwatdalal.github.io/files/fl\\_fyp.pdf](https://shashwatdalal.github.io/files/fl_fyp.pdf)  
*Slides:* <https://bit.ly/3bpAU8g>
- **Aspect-based Sentiment Analysis with Goldman Sachs:** In a team of six, built an aspect-based sentiment analysis engine for the asset management engineering team. Back-end written in **Python** and database layer used **MySQL**, and **Microsoft Cosmos**.  
*Report:* [https://shashwatdalal.github.io/files/Software\\_Engineering\\_Project\\_Report.pdf](https://shashwatdalal.github.io/files/Software_Engineering_Project_Report.pdf)  
*Code:* <https://dev.azure.com/vapesoc/362%20Software%20Engineering%20Project/>

#### Extracurricular Activities

- **President of Imperial College London Data Science Society:** Lead a team of 15 to ensure UK's largest student data-science society runs smoothly. Assist with growth strategy, corporate sponsorship, budgeting, union-relations, and talent development. Used **GitHub Actions** and **AWS** to automate (i) website deployments (ii) moving members on to our mailing list. *Code:* [https://github.com/shashwatdalal/new\\_icdss\\_members](https://github.com/shashwatdalal/new_icdss_members)

## SKILL-SET SUMMARIZED

### TECHNICAL SKILLS

Java • Python • Docker • Kubernetes • Ray • PyTorch  
Deep Learning • Bayesian Optimisation • Reinforcement Learning • Federated Learning

### LANGUAGES

English (Written/Spoken Fluency) • Gujarati (Spoken Fluency) • Japanese (Written/Spoken Conversational) • Spanish (Written/Spoken Conversational) • Hindi (Spoken Conversational)