# WAQAS ALI

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#### **SUMMARY**

CompSci sophomore seeking a software engineering internship. In addition to diverse side-projects which show creativity, problem-solving ability and a willingness to learn, I have experience of designing and implementing impactful software from scratch through an internship at Microsoft.

#### **EDUCATION**

## Pok Fu Lam, Hong Kong

### The University of Hong Kong

September 2016 - May 2020

- · Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Science
- Full Scholarship for 4 Years

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

#### **Technology Solution Professional, Intern**

#### Microsoft Hong Kong

June 2017 - August 2017

- Developed a **web app for Azure sales team** which reduces time to find optimal Azure offerings for prospective customers **by 75%.** *Built with jQuery, Bootstrap, HTML & CSS. Also* compares with AWS for a competitive edge.
- Designed and implemented a POC (proof of concept) for an Al-infused Customer Service portal using Microsoft
  Technologies which reduces customer service cost by 30%. Built with Node.js, Bot Framework, LUIS, QnA Maker
  API, Application Insights, Ibex and Bing Speech API. Incorporates chatbots, NLP, speech-to-text and analytics.
- Won third prize and 3000 HKD in a company-wide hackathon for developing a complete retail solution for SMEs to remain competitive against big brands and online stores. Built with Python, OpenCV, Bot Framework, LUIS, Bing Speech API, Application Insights, Ibex, HTML, CSS, Bootstrap & jQuery.
  - Used OpenCV to create a facial recognition system and Face API to detect emotions
  - Used Node.js, Bot Framework, LUIS & Bing Speech API for a shopping-assistant chatbot
  - Used Python & Flask to create a RESTful API for communication between microservices
- Made **2 more** POCs and worked on demos of Azure Virtual Machines, Machine Learning Studio, Stream Analytics, Event Hub, Web App, CosmosDB, SQL Databases & IoT Hub

#### **PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES**

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- **Big Two** A multiplayer networked cross-platform Big Two card game. *Java 8, Object-Oriented Design, Multi-threaded, Java Socket*
- ChatterBox A chatting web app. MongoDB, Express, Angular, Node.js (MEAN)
- Time A VR cross-platform game to promote heritage of Kowloon Walled City Hong Kong. Unity, C#, Sketchup
- Ella A financial assistant chatbot; Curo A charity chatbot to generate donations through surveys. Node.js
- oalevelnotes.com A 30,000 MAU (monthly active users) community for GCE O Level and A Level High School students. SEO, WordPress, Google AdSense, Google Analytics

## **ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE AND AWARDS**

- Teaching Assistant: ENGG1111 Computer Programming and Applications (HKU, Fall 2017)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Greater China Shanghai Commercial Bank Fintech Hackathon (Round 3: Shanghai, Dec 2017)
  - o 1st Place: Hong Kong Round (Round 2: Hong Kong, Nov 2017)
  - o **Prize Money:** 70,000 HKD (Team of Five)
  - o **Product:** Decentralized Crowdsourced Investment Fund (BigchainDB, Python, Meteor)
- Conducted 5 Technical Workshops: In Cyberport, CityU and PolyU Hong Kong
- 2 x Bronze Medals: Microsoft World Championship 2015 Dallas, TX & 2016 Orlando, FL

#### **POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY**

- Director Creative Services: Harvard WorldMUN Hong Kong 2019 Bid Team. Sept 2017 to Nov 2017
- Microsoft Student Partner Hong Kong: Sept 2016 to May 2017
- High School: Head Boy, House Captain, President Debating Society, Vice President Science Club

## **TECHNOLOGIES AND SKILLS**

- Core: C/C++, Java, Python, JavaScript, Node.js, PHP, Shell
- Web & Database: HTML, CSS, jQuery, Bootstrap, MySQL, MongoDB
- Frameworks: Express, Angular, Meteor, Flask
- Tools & Services: Unity, Git, Azure, Docker, WordPress, RESTful API
- Media: Photoshop, Premier Pro, Sony Vegas Pro, Audacity
- Other: Public-speaking, Presentations (Member Toastmasters International)