# Sheikh Abdur Raheem Ali

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### **EDUCATION**

## American University of Sharjah

Sharjah, UAE

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science; Minor in Applied & Computational Math; GPA: 3.31 Sep. 2017 – Dec. 2020

#### EXPERIENCE

### Microsoft Corporation

(Remote) Redmond, WA, USA

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Software Engineering Intern, Vendor via Pactera US

Jul 2020 - Oct 2020

• Independent contractor building new anti-spam features for Office 365's Advanced Threat Protection.

SWVL

Swyl Headquarters, Dubai, UAE

Cloud Engineering Intern (Strategic Finance)

Feb 2020 - Apr 2020

- o Optimized a rideshare app startup's financial analytics using AWS EC2 and Google Cloud BigQuery ML.
- Rewrote the backend for their projections. Models went from taking minutes to train to seconds.
- Added support for entering holidays to be treated differently in the forecast, reducing RMSE by 28.6%
- Designed & developed a convenient way to compare financial performance for different time periods.
- Worked closely with the growth team to measure operations & progress in Egypt, Kenya, & Pakistan.

## **Dubai Electronic Security Center**

Cyber Intelligence Lab, University of Dubai, Dubai, UAE

Data Science Intern

Dec 2019 - Jan 2020

• Worked on classified internal machine learning tools and datasets at a government funded research lab.

## American University of Sharjah

Academic City, Sharjah, UAE

Research and Teaching Assistant

Sep 2019 - Dec 2019

- Research Assistant Machine Learning: Worked at the Department of Mathematics and Statistics to implement Sobol indices with independent or dependent inputs and analyze results for feature selection.
- Teaching Assistant Statistics for Data Science: Involved in creating handouts, grading exams and conducting python tutorial sessions for third and fourth year students. Held office hours by appointment.

### in 5 Innovation Center

Dubai Internet City, Dubai, UAE

Software Engineering Intern

Jul 2018 - Aug 2018

• Led an AI startup's efforts to upgrade their hospitality chatbot from an RDBMS to a graph database.

#### AWARDS

- 2<sup>nd</sup> place (USD 35,000) @ HITB<sup>+</sup> CyberWeek AI Challenge: Captain of a team including students from Harvard and UToronto that used genetic algorithms to modify existing malware to defeat virus detection agents.
- 1<sup>st</sup> nationally, 3<sup>rd</sup> internationally @ 2019 Omnicom Media Group Data Science Competition: Presented a real life analytics problem (click fraud), our solution, & interpretation of results to CEOs & Department Heads.
- 1st prize @ HSBC Programming Challenge 2019: Modeled credit risk using machine learning techniques.
- Full Scholarship @ European Summer Program on Rationality: Invited to the UK to attend seminars on topics related to applied mathematics, AI safety, and cognitive science. Taught by ex-Google employees and MIT graduates.
- Invited Speaker @ IEEE UAE Cyber Intelligence Summit 2019: Conference talk on AI and cybersecurity.
- Active Student Scholarship @ Office of Student Affairs: One of 9/5112 undergraduates recognized for extraordinary contributions to student life (including Clubs & Organizations, Leadership, and Community Services).

### Projects

- PACE Bed Management System: Sponsored by the Ministry of Health & Prevention to lead a team to create an interactive dashboard to visualize and predict trends using live patient data collected from 1849 beds at 17 hospitals.
- Queue'r: Used Node and Express to create a smart queue management and ticketing solution. Shortlisted for the Show & Tech 2019 exhibition. To be sold to the Cashier department of the American University of Sharjah.

### Programming Skills

• Languages: Python, C++, SQL, Java, Javascript, Matlab Technologies: Linux, Git, SciPy, PyTorch, LATEX