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I am a software developer and architect with deep expertise in Python. My research interests extend to a wide range of software engineering disciplines, and I have conducted some research focusing on recommender systems. Over seven years, I have worked on all SDLC phases in various web development projects primarily based on Django. Additionally, I am concerned with deploying software engineering methods in the industry to develop reliable, high-quality software. I also have extensive experience teaching programming in various specializations. Besides, I enjoy promoting software freedom and am passionate about philosophy.

Competencies: Python Programming Django Software Architecture Recommender Systems Linux Teaching

EDUCATION

Sep 2019 - Oct 2022 **Master of Science - MSc in Information Technology (Subdiscipline: Enterprise Architecture)**
Location: Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran, Iran (Ranked among the top 6 universities in Iran by QS 2024)
▶ **GPA:** 19.46 / 20 (1st Rank)
▶ **Thesis Title:** Using empirical data to support technology selection in software architecture decision-making
▶ **Advisor:** Dr. Sadeqh Aliakbary
▶ **Related Coursework:** Enterprise Architecture (20/20), Software Architecture (20/20), Business Processes Reengineering (20/20), Decision Support Systems (20/20), Self-Adaptive and Self-Organizing Systems (19.75/20), Advanced Software Engineering (19.5/20), Enterprise Resource Planning (19.5/20)
▶ **Activities and Societies:** I coordinated with the executive team and the Third National Conference on Enterprise Architecture workshop lecturers. Team Page in Conference Website
▶ **Teaching Assistant (TA):** Advanced Software Engineering course instructed by Prof. Fereidoon Shams Aliee during the fall semester of 2021.

Sep 2012 - Jun 2018 **Bachelor of Science - BSc in Computer Engineering (Subdiscipline: Software Engineering)**
Location: Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran (Ranked 334th university in the world by QS 2024)
▶ **Related Coursework:** Software Engineering (17.7/20), System Analysis and Design (17.7/20), Information Technology Ethics (20/20), Information Technology (17.5/20), Software Engineering Lab (20/20)
▶ **Activities and Societies:** Besides building a website using MediaWiki, I wrote articles for Rayanesh, the department's magazine. I also initiated the Free Software Users Group. I was the technical staff of the Sharif AI Challenge 2015, and in this position, I built a QA website for the questions of the participants about the competition. I also installed and configured its server to run contestants' submitted codes.
▶ **Teaching Assistant (TA):**

Course Title	Instructor	Semester
System Analysis and Design	Seyed Ebrahim Abtahi	Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016
	Dr. Mehraneh Shantiaei	Spring 2017
Advanced Programming in Java	Dr. Salman Marvasti	Fall 2015
Technical Presentation	Dr. Ali M. A. Hemmatyar	Fall 2014

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Jul 2020 - Oct 2022 **Graduate Researcher, DATA-ORIENTED RESEARCH FOR SOFTWARE ANALYTICS LAB, Tehran, Iran**
▶ Developed two recommender systems to help library selection. One used recent deep-learning algorithms, while the other utilized content-based recommenders to alleviate the cold start problem.
▶ Using regex patterns in BigQuery, extracted GitHub data (< 3 mins), filtered incorrect libraries based on Maven conventions, and built samples using repository info (stars, branches, authors, commits, lifetimes, etc.).
▶ Extracted project topics and descriptions from GitHub API and processed them to complete tags.
▶ Designed an interactive dashboard using Data Studio for seamless data exploration.

Recommender System Deep Learning Python Google Cloud Google Colab BigQuery Data Studio Visual Paradigm

Sep 2016 - Jul 2018 **Undergraduate Research Assistant, INTELLIGENT SOFTWARE ENGINEERING LAB, Tehran, Iran**
▶ The acknowledgment section of the article "Cross-project code clones in GitHub" shows my name as I contributed to the programming parts.
▶ My contribution included a JetBrains plugin to keep track of user actions and a tool to detect potential bugs in source code using GitHub projects' history. It finds all commits that were later fixed in another commit.

GitHub Datasets Java Standard pygit2 gensim nltk GHTorrent code clone detection JGit JetBrains Plugin SQL

LANGUAGES

- Native Persian speaker and proficient in English
- TOEFL iBT Score: 95

MISCELLANEOUS

Court tennis, Art films, Western philosophy, Free knowledge, Classical and Middle Eastern traditional music

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Nov 2022 Present** **Technical Lead & DevOps,  HUMMERS LEASING AND  HUMMERS BROKER, Tehran, Iran**
- Formed a high-performing technical team after systemically evaluating 500+ individuals in various areas.
 - Maintained communication with stakeholders to thoroughly grasp project requirements, progress, and risks.
 - Implemented automation scripts for DevOps processes, including email server and GitLab administration.
 - Implemented enterprise-level web software for leasing management using Django and Bootstrap.
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- Jul 2017 Present** **Technical Lead & Web Developer,  CONNECT ISTI, Tehran, Iran**
- Developed web software using Django, implemented black box regression tests, administrated Linux servers, and established continuous delivery pipeline and data backup strategies.
 - Created detailed technical documents for various stakeholders and documented recruitment procedures.
 - Collected requirements, analyzed them, and divided them into actionable implementation tasks.
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- Sep 2010 Dec 2017** **Founding Member (Volunteer),  LIBRE/FREE KNOWLEDGE FOUNDATION, Tehran, Iran**
- Organized the Software Freedom Day (SFD) conference held in Tehran in  2013,  2015, and  2016. More than a thousand people from all over the country participated. Attendance was completely gratis and free for everyone, and donations from the local community provided most of the conference costs.
 - Through these three years, I accepted 41 workshops and 35 speeches as chairman of the referee committee. There were big media impressions, including social media, websites, newsletters, and television.
 - Coordinated weekly meetings about philosophical aspects of Free Knowledge since July 2013. Maintained the wiki, edited and wrote papers on the wiki or translated the various selected articles, edited videos, and composed subtitles for chosen speech videos from the prominent people of the free software movement.
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- Aug 2018 Jan 2021** **IT Consultant,  METRAJ, Tehran, Iran**
- Managed the company's booth at the Sharif Job Fair Exhibition 2018, reengineered their legacy web software, gathered updated requirements, and wrote system analysis documents.
 - Installed and maintained issue tracking and project management systems for software development projects and wiki software for writing tutorials and meeting agendas and trained the development team on various topics like Software Architecture, System Analysis, Software Testing, and Version Control.
 - Wrote scripts to extract data on real estate transactions from the Ministry of Roads & Urban Development website, which helped the company estimate house prices.
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- Sep 2012 May 2016** **Linux System Administrator,  BEHESTAN RAYAN, Tehran, Iran**
- Worked for the data center, R&D, and Marketing departments and fulfilled projects for clients, such as the Municipal Employees Fund Institution and Kosar Credit Institution.
 - Setup, hardening, and performance tuning of various Linux servers, including Debian, Ubuntu, and CentOS.
 - Lectured in Big Data and Relational Database and Filing approaches. ( [Course Page](#))
 - Implemented, optimized SEO, and improved the performance of the company and its client's multilingual websites based on their specific requirements, using web frameworks.
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PROJECTS

ARCHAIDE (COURSE PROJECT)

JUN 2020 - AUG 2020

 github.com/smmsadrnezh/archaide  <https://archaide.sadrnezhaad.com>

It allows software architects to create, visualize, and evolve architecture, analyze trade-offs, and propose tactics and patterns.

    

BITERVAN ONLINE SHOP (FREELANCE CONTRACT)

JUN 2016 – OCT 2016

 <https://bitervan.com>

Bitervan is an online store where I have been involved from the beginning. We acquired some components and built others.

 

› Extracurricular Instructor:

- › Taught 200+ students with high satisfaction rates: 99% believe the instructor knows the subject well, 98% find the course well-organized, 97% enjoy the current content and respectful, friendly style, and 91% appreciate prepared class plans.
- › Developed courseware that includes announcements, resources, topics, calendars, assignments, and code samples.

Course Title	Organizer	Semesters
Python Programming	Sharif University of Technology - Sharif Rayan Academy	Spring 2019, Winter 2020
	University of Tehran - Cultural Education and Development Centre	Fall 2018
	Saipa Training Center	Summer 2019
	MapsHR Company	Fall 2021
	Shahid Beheshti University - Culture Home Center	Summer 2017, Fall 2017, Winter 2018, Summer 2018, Fall 2018, Winter 2019, Summer 2019
Front-end Web Development		Summer 2016, Fall 2018, Winter 2019, Summer 2019
Linux System Administration		Fall 2016
Web Scraping in Python		Winter 2018

› Seminars & Lectures:

- Dec 2020 **Animating and Simulating Business Processes to Redesign Them**, Informatics Society of Iran
- Apr 2020 **Semantic Storage and Retrieval Using the Resource Description Framework**, Shahid Beheshti University
- Jan 2020 **Research Areas in Software Engineering that Address Self-Adaptive and Self-Organizing Systems**, Faculty of Computer Science and Engineering, Shahid Beheshti University
- Dec 2019 **Simulating Self-Adaptive Software Architecture with the SWIM Scenario in the Rainbow Framework**, Faculty of Computer Science and Engineering, Shahid Beheshti University
- Dec 2017 **What is Net Neutrality, and Where Does it Come From?**, Sharif University of Technology
- Sep 2017 **A Comparative Introduction to MV* Patterns and Pattern Families**, Tehran Linux Users Group, Univ. of Tehran
- Aug 2017 **Managerial Anti-Patterns in Software Engineering**, Tehran Linux Users Group, University of Tehran
- Jul 2017 **Architectural Anti-Patterns in Software Engineering**, Tehran Linux Users Group, University of Tehran
- Mar 2017 **Bad Smells and How to Fix Them**, Tehran Linux Users Group, University of Tehran
- Feb 2017 **Concepts and Implementation of Web Crawlers**, Tehran Linux Users Group, University of Tehran
- Oct 2016 **From Permission Culture to Free Culture: How Law Constrains Culture and Creativity (Software Freedom Day)**, Isfahan University
- Sep 2016 **An Introduction to ZeroNet and the Decentralized Web (Software Freedom Day)**, Kharazmi Hall, Computer Engineering Department, Sharif University of Technology
- Jul 2016 **Design and Architecture of Amazon Cloud Services (AWS)**, Tehran Linux Users Group, University of Tehran
- May 2016 **Mezzanine Content Management System Workshop (Pycon)**, Iran University of Science and Technology
- Feb 2013 **Some Examples of Social Semantic Web**, Tehran Linux Users Group, Information Technology Organization

CERTIFICATIONS

- April 2022 Advanced Recommender Systems, EIT Digital, Politecnico di Milano ([Credential ID: 8CNPKV3AF6SN](#))
- Dec 2021 Matrix Factorization and Advanced Techniques, University of Minnesota ([Credential ID: NFEC4ZRN7LSY](#))
- Dec 2021 Recommender Systems: Evaluation and Metrics, University of Minnesota ([Credential ID: G9K6H8N7XAMH](#))
- Nov 2021 Nearest Neighbor Collaborative Filtering, University of Minnesota ([Credential ID: NYBVAGVFSLGE](#))
- Nov 2021 Introduction to Recommender Systems: Non-Personalized and Content-Based, University of Minnesota ([Credential ID: TDBAGF4555QA](#))
- Feb 2021 Introduction to Philosophy, The University of Edinburgh ([Credential ID: W33KQMPQ3GBY](#))
- Jan 2021 Data Science Math Skills, Duke University ([Credential ID: X59FRV9J867L](#))
- Dec 2010 Certificate in English As A Foreign Language, Cavendish College London

HONORS & AWARDS

- Jul 2019 **Ranked 5th**, Nationwide Masters University Admission Exam among more than 15000 participants.
- Sep 2014 **23rd Team**, Sharif 5th Cyber Security and Hacking Competition (CTF) among over 800 teams. [Finals](#), [Quals](#)
- Nov 2013 **16th Team**, Sharif 4th Cyber Security and Hacking Competition (CTF) among over 100 teams. [Finals](#), [Quals](#)