#### **Abdul Karim Abbas**

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#### **Education**

# **University of Leeds**

Sep 2021 – Jun 2025 (Expected)

BSc, MEng Computer Science with Artificial Intelligence (Expected 2:1)

• Awarded the International Excellence Scholarship in every academic year

#### Al-Faris International School, Riyadh

Sep 2019 – Jun 2021

International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma (37 Points)

#### **Professional experience**

Oun.AI Jul – Sept 2024

Machine Learning Internship

- Integrated Llama3 for user acquisition, boosting conversions with a tailored signup flow
- Leveraged Django and PostgreSQL to manage and store data for ~130 sign-ups within the first month
- Deployed through AWS EC2, ensuring scalable and efficient performance in a production environment

PwC Middle East

Jun - Aug 2023

Technology Consulting Internship (Foundation for the Future programme)

- Developed an automation solution to streamline invoice processing between ~200 partners and vendors
- Utilised Google AppsScript and Sheets to process incoming data of over 2,000 rows with efficiency
- Deployed the project via a web app portal using Django and JavaScript for real-time access

## Relevant university coursework

## Airbnb Visualisation and Price Predictions - Personal Project

End-to-End predicting Airbnb listings dataset investigation

- Cleaned and normalised dataset in MySQL, optimising relationships for future analysis
- Created an interactive Tableau dashboard with dynamic filtering to visualise key metrics
- Built a robust data pre-processing pipeline, using value imputation, one-hot encoding, and feature scaling
- Applied feature importance analysis using Random Forest, highlighting key drivers of price variation

#### Third Year Individual Project – Achieved 73%

Enhancing University Learning with Retrieval-Augmented Generation and GPT-3.5 Fine-Tuning

- Achieved an average improvement of 79% across five key metrics after RAG
- Fine-tuned for an additional 23% average improvement, enhancing contextual alignment for complex queries
- Conducted user evaluations in an educational setting and demonstrated potential impact in the field

## Machine Learning Coursework - Achieved 81%

Predicting cancer mortality rates in US counties

- Designed a pre-processing pipeline addressing missing values, scaling and feature engineering
- Implemented OLS, Lasso, and Ridge regression with GridSearchCV for optimal regularisation
- Evaluated model performance using CV-MSE and achieved a score of 349.9 across the dataset

#### **Skills**