# **SAQLAIN ABID**

# **Software Engineer**

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#### **HONORS & ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Selected as a Section Leader for "Stanford's Code in Place 2025", among 4,000+ applicants from 190+ countries.
- Competed in the "MIT Informatics Tournament Winter 2025", securing top 36% globally (180/500 teams).
- Led a team and solved 9 out of 9 puzzles at Harvard's "CS50x Puzzle Day". [2024, 2025]
- Honored with "Silver Brick" for placing 4th nationally and 103rd globally (top 25%) in "CALICO UC Berkeley Fall '24".
- Ranked 53rd in Pakistan in Round 1 of "Meta Hacker Cup 2024".
- Academic IELTS Bands: 6.5/9.0.
- Secured 15<sup>th</sup> place among participants in "Advent of Code". [2023, 2024]
- Participated and solved CTF challenges in "Advent of Cyber 2023".
- 2x iCodeGuru "Merit Scholar" for Al Bootcamp. [2023, 2024]
- Awarded the Ignite endowment fund under NGIRI-2019 (S. No. 98), ranked among the top 800+ projects.
- Regional winner (Pakistan-South) in "Microsoft Imagine Cup 2019".
- 3x "BEEF Scholarship" winner, awarded to the top 5% of BS students. [2017, 2018, 2019]
- Secured a 50% fee waiver in my bachelor's through excellent academic performance. [2016]

#### **EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

BS Software Engineering (CGPA: 3.00/4.00)

Oct 2015 - Dec 2019

BUITEMS, Quetta, Pakistan

#### **Activities:**

Participated in "5<sup>th</sup> UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM 2019".

# **TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS**

## Section Leader at Stanford Code in Place 2025

Apr 2025 – Jun 2025

Stanford University, California, United States  $\cdot$  Remote

- Served as Section Leader (TA) for Stanford University's *Code in Place 2025* program, teaching foundational computer science concepts (Karel, Python, control flow, graphics, data structures).
- Taught an international cohort of students, fostering a collaborative and inclusive learning environment while building their core programming skills.

## Work & Study Student at BUITEMS (UAFA)

Nov 2017 - Aug 2019

BUITEMS, Quetta, Pakistan · Onsite

• Worked **500 hours** as a *Teaching Assistant (TA) & Office Assistant (OA)* during my Bachelor's, mentoring junior students in software engineering courses while also assisting with administrative tasks under a supervisor.

#### **PROJECTS**

Final Year Project: Sensor-Based Smart Traffic Controller with Real-time Monitoring. [Project Link]

- Developed a desktop-based automated traffic control recommendation system, integrating front-end and back-end programming with machine learning and computer vision techniques.
- Impact: The system replaces fixed signal timers with dynamic ones, reducing fuel consumption and human idling. It aims to improve traffic efficiency while minimizing accidents and congestion for smoother traffic flow.

# INTERNATIONAL HACKATHONS

# NASA International Space Challenge (AgriView)

Oct 2024 - Oct 2024

- AgriView Tools is a powerful platform that uses NASA's Earth Observation API to provide farmers with real-time environmental data. This enables smarter decision-making and promotes sustainable agriculture.
- Role: Focused on data collection, extraction, and processing using Python.

• **Impact:** Empowered farmers with actionable insights on weather, soil moisture, and crop growth, optimizing decision-making for improved yields and sustainable practices.

# Falcon Hackathon (Find-n-Speak)

Jul 2024 - Aug 2024

- Find 'n Speak is an engaging app for children aged 5-10 that enhances language skills through interactive scavenger hunts, where students find and describe objects based on verbal cues.
- Role: Contributed as an Al & Software Engineer, working on Large Language Models (LLMs).
- Impact: The app uses Falcon, vision, and STT models to make language learning fun and effective.

#### Langflow Hackathon (NaviCare AI)

Jul 2024 - Jul 2024

- NaviCare AI is a versatile app that helps patients find the right doctors, streamline appointment scheduling, take consultation notes, and offer post-visit support.
- Role: As an Al & Software Engineer, I worked on the front-end and LLMs to enhance their functionality.
- **Impact:** Enhances patient experience by ensuring timely care, accurate information, and continuous wellness tracking for improved health outcomes.

## LabLab Next Hackathon (EZ-Read)

Jun 2024 - Jul 2024

- EZ-Read is a Generative AI tool for creating comic books, offering character and background image generation, scene parsing, and metadata extraction.
- Role: Contributed as an AI & Software Engineer, working on LLMs and as a full-stack Python developer.
- Impact: Streamlining and making the creative process more efficient and accessible for creators.

## **SKILLS**

- Languages: Python, Dart, JavaScript, C++, HTML, and CSS.
- Scripting: Bash, PowerShell.
- Databases: MySQL, MongoDB, Firebase.
- Mobile App Development: Flutter with Dart.
- Frameworks & Libraries: Streamlit, FastAPI, Node.js, NumPy, Pandas, OpenCV.
- IDEs: Jupyter & Kaggle Notebooks, Google Colab, PyCharm CE, Xcode, VS Code, GitHub Codespaces, Android Studio.
- Operating Systems: Linux (Kali, Parrot, BlackArch, Ubuntu), macOS, Windows.
- Cloud & Container Platforms: Google Cloud, Docker.
- Design: Adobe Creative Cloud (Photoshop, Illustrator, Premiere Pro), Microsoft Office 365.

# **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

## IT Incharge (Part-Time)

Jan 2012 - Present

Daily AAINA, Spinzer Printer (PVT) LTD, Quetta, Pakistan. [Experience Certificate]

- Managed databases, analyzed systems systematically, and solved problems efficiently to improve performance.
- Focused on drafting and maintaining the print and digital media by ensuring the inclusion of high-quality content covering current articles and affairs.

# **Software Engineer Intern**

May 2023 – Oct 2023

Quetta Safe City Project under the Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC). [Internship Certificate]

- Kept the website running fast and efficiently, optimized code, managed databases, and monitored website performance to ensure a smooth user experience.
- Regularly updated the website with new features, fixed security vulnerabilities, and maintained compatibility with evolving web technologies.

## **Cyber Security Apprentice**

Dec 2022 - May 2023

Institute of Emerging Careers (IEC). [Internship Certificate]

- Assessed security, finding and fixing vulnerabilities in different systems.
- Tested and improved web applications' security, generating concise reports for strategic insights.

### **Projects:**

- Web Application Penetration Testing
- Vulnerability Management
- OSINT (Open-Source Intelligence)

Flutter Intern Jun 2021 – Jul 2021

Augersoft - Blockchain and Mobile Applications Solution. [Internship Certificate]

- Developed a mobile application with Flutter.
- Integrated cross-platform and server-side tech for holistic mobile app development.
- Front-end Technology: Flutter Framework, Dart.
- Back-end Technology: Node.js.

Accountant & IT Officer Mar 2021 – Nov 2021

Zarghoon Law College, Quetta, Pakistan. [Experience Certificate]

• Supervised account details, generated Excel sheets, and effectively managed organizational data.

#### **VOLUNTEER WORK**

## Trainer & Moderator at iCodeGuru

San Jose, California, United States · Remote

- Presented a webinar on the UC Berkeley Coding Competition Fall '24, organized by iCodeGuru, providing participants with strategies, insights, and preparation tips to excel in the challenge.
- Delivered a virtual webinar on the Meta Hacker Cup 2024, hosted by iCodeGuru in collaboration with the Hayatian Computing Society at the University of Gujrat, Pakistan.
- <u>Al Bootcamp</u>: Taught in the "Python for Beginners Course" as a part of the Al Bootcamp. I guided participants, ensured learning went smoothly, and encouraged collaboration in the online community.
- GRE: Moderated 48 in-depth GRE Prep sessions on iCodeGuru, helping participants reach their scholarship goals.
- IELTS: Guided and moderated 50+ 1-hour IELTS prep sessions, supporting participants in their exam preparation.

## Web Developer at BUITEMS-ACM (Association for Computing Machinery)

- Developed a website for the BUITEMS-ACM Student Chapter. [Website Link]
- Designed, maintained, and optimized website structure, features, and responsiveness, collaborating with the team on design enhancements and troubleshooting web application issues.
- **Technologies:** WordPress, PHP, and built-in APIs.

#### Volunteer:

- Organized a workshop for school children: "The Hour of Code".
- Arranged and attended "UX Design Camp" at BUITEMS, Quetta.
- Planned and participated in the "2nd IEEE ICE CUBE CONFERENCE 2018".

# **HOBBIES / INTERESTS**

- International Hackathon participation.
- Solving LeetCode problems.
- Solved coding problems in a challenge, "Coding Competition".
- Prompt Engineering with Generative AI.
- Volleyball Player. [Certificate]