

Ahmed Ismail

Work Experience

- Nov. 2020– Present **Natural Language Processing Engineer**, *Agolo*.
Working on text summarization and knowledge graph technology.
- Mar. 2019– Oct. 2020 **Data Scientist**, *DataPlus*.
Built interactive dashboards and workflows for ETL and predictive analytics using Tableau and Alteryx.
- Apr.–Aug. 2018 **Google Summer of Code Student**, *Distributed Red Hen Lab*.
Implemented an **Arabic speech recognition** system for broadcast speech data and an **Arabic dialect identification** system using *VariKN*, *Kaldi*, *Scikit-learn*, and *Keras*.
- Nov. 2017– Nov. 2018 **Research Assistant**, *Cairo University*, Faculty of Engineering.
Worked on **Sentech**, a **speech emotion classification** project for assisting customer service quality assurance teams through locating calls with negative sentiment using. This involved building a pipeline for audio processing, feature extraction, model training, and inference using *Scikit-learn*, *Tensorflow*, and *openSMILE*.
- Sept. 2016–Aug. 2017 **Machine Learning Researcher**, *RDI Egypt*.
 - Worked on project **Hafss**, a pronunciation training system for teaching the recitation of the Holy Quran.
 - Improved **mispronunciation detection** accuracy by increasing the size of the training data, experimenting with different machine learning models using *Kaldi*, and enhancing the *C++* lattice generation toolkit.
 - Developed *.NET* toolkits for the linguistics and data entry team.

Education

- Jun. 2024 **M.Sc in Computer Science**, *Cairo University*, Faculty of Computers and Information.
Thesis: "Enhancement of Mispronunciation Detection Using Deep Learning Techniques": Introduced E2E-R, a pronunciation scoring model that utilizes a pre-trained self-supervised learning model in an end-to-end architecture, reducing the required amounts of L1 training data and computational power.
- Jul. 2018 **Udacity**, *Deep Learning Nanodegree*.
Took deep learning classes and built projects using NLP, computer vision, and RL models.
- May. 2016 **B.Sc in Computer Engineering**, *Cairo University*, Faculty of Engineering.
 - Graduation Project: "Animtractor"**, a marker-less, non-"depth camera"-assisted system for motion capture. The project won first place in Microsoft ImagineCup's 2016 national finals (Innovation track).
 - Prepared cloud computing coursework and summer training in "CMP303B - Distributed OSs".
 - Served as an Academic Committee Member in IEEE, Cairo University Student Branch.
 - After graduation: Worked as a TA in "CMP302 - Advanced Algorithms".

Skills

Languages: *Python*, *Java*, *C++*, *SQL*, *Bash*.

Tools and Libraries: *PyTorch*, *Keras*, *Tensorflow*, *Scikit-learn*, *Kaldi*, *LangChain*, *Tableau*, *Alteryx*.

Languages

Arabic (native) and English (proficient).