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## Educational Background

**Antonine University, Baabda, Lebanon** 2012

*Master of Engineering in Computer Science and Telecommunications*

**College des Peres Antonins, Baabda, Lebanon** 1992 – 2007

*Double Baccalaureate, French and Lebanese, General Sciences*

## Work Experience

**Zaka** - Beirut, Lebanon - April 2019 - present

*Founder & CEO*

Our Aim at Zaka is to give out extensive education for AI so we can develop this sector in the local community and abroad. We will use the information and education we amassed to consult big enterprises on how to implement AI properly to drive more revenue and success.

**Self-Employed** - Beirut, Lebanon - May 2017 - present

*Computer Vision & Machine Learning consultant*

I help businesses understand and implement AI technologies. I work with multiple teams on various Machine Learning projects mainly in the area of Computer Vision (face/object detection, image classification/segmentation, image processing). My experience also includes projects on Natural Language Processing (NLP), training & deploying Deep Learning models on the cloud and different data science tasks such as: data mining, feature engineering, statistical analysis, data cleaning & processing and building prediction systems.

**Beirut AI** - Beirut, Lebanon - October 2017 - present

*Founder & President*

Beirut AI is the applied AI community in Lebanon. We want to enable everyone to have access to the tools and knowledge to apply Artificial Intelligence! Our mission is to help local startups, companies and individuals understand AI and implement it in various industries. We do this by organizing quarterly gatherings where we bring AI practitioners to share their experience with the community. We also host monthly technical workshops that target developers and engineers looking for a more hands-on approach.

Beirut AI is part of a much bigger and global community called CITY AI. We have local AI hubs

in more than 60 cities around the world, and that number is increasing every month. This helps us connect with more people and achieve our mission not only locally but on a global scale

**Ticketless** - Amsterdam, Netherlands - November 2018 - Present

*AI Consultant*

We're a new, ambitious AI/deep tech startup with big plans to help companies provide amazing customer support. Our product turns agents into superheros with an AI sidekick that works with them to improve their Zendesk powers.

**Fig** - Beirut, Lebanon - February 2018 - August 2018

*Chatbot developer & Technical Lead*

At Fig we build customized chatbots for businesses in different industries (news, media, retail, hotels, etc.). Using Natural Language Understanding (NLU) engines to understand the human language and extract meaning from text or voice, and Machine Learning techniques to allow the chatbot to learn and evolve.

**MinglePick** - Umm al Quwain, UAE - December 2016 - December 2017

*Co-Founder*

[MinglePick](#) is an intelligent robot that produces beautiful creative designs, using Artificial Intelligence. I've worked on many aspects of the platform, from the server and the backend, to the Android client application. Most importantly, I've handled many AI tasks where I had to experiment with different neural network architectures and machine learning techniques.

**ForwardLB** - Jal el Dib, Lebanon - November 2016 - November 2017

*Co-Founder, Community manager & event organizer*

[ForwardLB](#) is a not-for-profit co-working space and startup hub located in Jal el Dib, just outside Beirut city. We aim to group like-minded people to create a vibrant community that stimulates creativity and innovation. I was responsible for organizing community events such as lectures, workshops, panels and fun gaming nights.

**Sandbox Cube, Jal el Dib, Lebanon, June 2014 - September 2017**

*Co-Founder*

I've co-founded Sandbox Cube with a couple of friends as a consultancy company that specializes in Machine Learning & Computer Vision tasks. We've worked in this field for 3 years and have been involved in multiple projects such as: 3D face reconstruction from short video, real-time license plate detection on moving cars and automating creation of artistically beautiful layouts (MinglePick).

**Codefish** - Baabda, Lebanon - March 2013 - June 2014

*Software Engineer - Mobile Application Developer*

I've worked on different projects ranging from Android applications, to Samsung Smart TV

applications to server side applications.

- Developed Android applications for businesses
- Created and improved libraries for easy Android development
- Worked with Samsung Smart TV SDK to create smart TV apps while optimizing Codefish's framework for Smart TV development
- Created backend, database (MySQL) and web services for mobile applications using Java with Spring and Hibernate.

**Apps2you** - Hazmieh, Lebanon - July 2011 - March 2013

*Software Engineer - Android Developer*

Mobile applications and software development. Collaboratively working with other Android developers using agile development method (SCRUM) to deliver new and innovative apps. Implemented Qualcomm's Augmented Reality SDK to develop an Augmented Reality 2D game for Lipton.

**Bug Studios** - Ain-El-Remmaneh, Lebanon - February 2011 - June 2011

*Web Developer*

Web development projects using HTML, CSS, PHP, JAVASCRIPT, AJAX and jQuery. Worked on CMS platforms (Drupal and Joomla).

**Wizard Solutions** - Zalka - Lebanon - June 2010 - September 2010

*Intern*

Worked on POS systems and stock management softwares that are based on SYBASE database. I also spent time with the Support & technical team learning how to install, configure and setup the systems as well as providing the technical support for clients.

## Volunteer Experience

**City AI** - 2017 - Present

*Beirut Ambassador*

CITY.AI is a global community of peers across 50+ cities that have the common goal of enabling more people to apply Artificial Intelligence. For that purpose, I organize get-togethers and events for the local community to connect people together and facilitate knowledge sharing.

**PapersWeLove Lebanon chapter** - Beirut, Lebanon - March 2017 - present

*Co-Founder & Co-Organizer*

Papers We Love is a repository of academic computer science papers and a community who loves reading them. I've started the [Lebanon chapter](#) in March and have been organizing meetups and growing the community ever since.

## **Les Scouts Du Liban - Lebanon - 2002 - 2016**

### *Group Leader*

I was a Scout member for more than 10 years where I acquired my leadership and communication skills. It also made me coordinated, responsible, active and persevering.

## **Additional Information**

My [LinkedIn profile](#) for more information.

Fluent in English, French and Arabic.

Co-Organizer of Beirut Artificial Intelligence meetup.

Beirut Ambassador for [Super Global](#).

Love open source software.

Love to travel and discover new places!