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SUMMARY

Highly motivated and qualified with extensive experience in the field of research, teaching, innovation, project development and management. Pursuing innovative projects involving computer vision, deep learning, artificial intelligence, medical imaging, language technologies, Internet of Things and imaging systems. My aim is to unravel complexities, drive innovation, and contribute to finding solutions to global challenges impacting the academic and industrial landscape. I am passionate about programming, research and innovation.

8+ years of Advanced Research/ Teaching Experience	**75**+ ISI/Scopus Research Publications in **AI/ML/IoT**	Granted **5** US Patents and **4** are in process	Google Scholar h-index **23** and i-10 index **46** with 1576 citations
10+ years of offshore AI/ML/CV Industry Experience	Delivered presentation in **15**+Conferences	Acquired **8** International Research Grants	**7** times **1st** Position in International Events/Conferences
6 Professional Certifications and **3** Trainings	Designed **13** Courses and Labs Syllabi	**14** different Courses and **7** Labs Taught	Worked on **150**+ ML/AI/IT industry projects as Freelance
Certified Instructor for **20**+ CISCO courses	**20**+ Senior Design Projects Supervision	Chaired **5**+ Technical Committees	Merit Scholarships for **MS, BS, FSc**

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INTEREST

- ⚲ Artificial Intelligence
- ⚲ Robotics
- ⚲ Cloud Computing
- ⚲ Generative AI
- ⚲ Medical Imaging
- ⚲ Machine Learning
- ⚲ Smart Cities
- ⚲ Cybersecurity
- ⚲ Internet of Things
- ⚲ Computer Vision
- ⚲ Deep Learning
- ⚲ AR/VR/MR

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF QUEBEC, CHICOUITIMI
Département d'Informatique et de Mathématique (DIM)   (2021-2022)
Post-Doctoral Fellow *(AI / ML / DL – Minerals Recognition)*   *FRQNT Funding*

UNIVERSITY OF MALAYSIA, SARAWAK
Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology   (2016-2021)
PhD *(Computer Science – Specialization in AI for Medical Diagnostics)*   *Gold Medalist*

KING FAHD UNIVERSITY OF PETROLEUM AND MINERALS
Information Computer Science Department   (2011-2014)
MS-CS *(Computer Science – Specialization in Machine Learning)*   *Full Scholarship*

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY COMPUTER AND EMERGING SCIENCES
Computer Sciences Department   (2006-2010)
BS *(Computer Science)*   *Full Scholarship*

PUNJAB COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
Pre-Engineering Department   (2004-2006)
FSc *(Pre-Engineering)*   *Full Scholarship*

INDUSTRY/TEACHING/ RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

May 2023 – Present
Acting Director Center for Artificial Intelligence & Faculty, Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd University, KSA

May 2021 – April 2023
Post-Doctoral Fellow/ Researcher (FRQNT), University of Quebec, Canada

June 2021 – Nov. 2021
Machine Learning Engineer for Drug Discovery, All4Cure - Health Information Technology Company, USA

Jan. 2019 – May 2021
Research Coordinator, Deanship of Research and Graduate Studies, Prince Mohammad bin Fahd University, KSA

Jan. 2014 – Jan. 2016
Lab Instructor, College of Computer Engineering and Sciences, Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd University, KSA

Sep. 2011 – Jan. 2022
Offshore Freelancer, 150+ Freelance Projects with 3000+ hours of work at UpWork.com

Aug. 2010 – Sep. 2011
Cloud EHR Engineer, CareCloud - MTBC® A Unique Healthcare IT Company in USA

ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS: ACADEMIC / RESEARCH / INDUSTRY

2024
1. Awarded **Gold Medal** with Honor/Congratulations in 49th **Innovations Exhibition Geneva**, Switzerland where total 1,035 inventions were presented (April 17-22, 2024).

2023
2. My patented project named **BlindLine** won the first position in **NEOM OXAGON Hackathon** 2023 for Technology organized by the Ministry of Education Saudi Arabia out of 800 applications.
3. Received most **Research Productivity Award 2022-2023** from Prince Mohammad bin Fahd University.

2022
4. Received an **honorary membership** of National Academy of Inventors (NAI), A member organization comprising most reputable U.S. and international universities.

2021
5. Received **Permanent Residence in Canada (Quebec)** based on Special **Artificial Intelligence** Pilot Program.
6. Received **best PhD award along with Gold Mold and Shield** in the field of Machine Learning for Medical Diagnostics from University of Malaysia Sarawak, Malaysia.
7. Received most **Research Productivity Award 2020-2021** from Prince Mohammad bin Fahd University.

2019
8. Got **best research paper award** in Current Research on Information Technology, Mathematics Sciences, Science and Technology (CRIMSTIC 2019), Melaka, Malaysia.

2018
9. Got **best research paper award** in 7th International Conference on Computer Science, Engineering and Technologies (ICCSET 2018), Bangkok, Thailand.
10. Got **Bronze Award** in Innovation & Technology Exposition (InTEX 2018), Kuching, Malaysia for my research poster on "Automated Brain Tumor Detection, Analysis, and Visualization System".

2011
11. Got full time **scholarship** for MS in Computer Science from King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

2010
12. Got **1st position** in Software & Hardware Competition in mega event ITEC-2010 held at NED University of Engineering and Technology, Karachi, Pakistan.
13. Got **1st position** in ACM Software Project Competition by presenting my Final Year Project "Brain Inspector" held in FAST-NUCES, Islamabad, Pakistan.
14. Got **1st position** in Software Competition while overall in Hardware & Software Competition got 2nd position in NUTEC-2010 Peshawar, Pakistan.
15. My Final Year Project "Brain Inspector" short-listed in Top four Software Project of Pakistan for **Microsoft Imagine Cup 2010** by Microsoft.

2009
16. Got **Best** Marketing Promotional Campaign and Best Group Chemistry Merit Certificates in Marketing Mavericks PromoPower Competition 2009 organized by National University of Computer and Emerging Sciences, Islamabad, Pakistan.

2008
17. Remained two times in FAST-NUCES **Dean's Honor List** during BS-CS Degree, National University of Computer and Emerging Sciences, Islamabad Pakistan.

2006
18. Got full merit **Scholarship** of 1.3 million rupees for BS Computer Science at National University of Computer and Emerging Sciences, form Ministry of Information Technology, Pakistan.

2004
19. Got full merit **scholarship** for FSc Pre Engineering at Punjab College of Information Technology Multan from Punjab Group of Colleges, Pakistan.

ADVANCED SKILLS / TOOLS

- **Research Tools:** Anaconda, TensorFlow, OpenCV, Pandas, skLearn, pyTorch, NumPy, Keras, MATLAB, etc.

- **Machine Learning/ Deep Learning:** CNN, RNN, LSTM, MLP, Regression, Decision Trees, etc.

- **Virtual/Augmented Reality:** Oculus, VIVE Elite, RealWear, KatWalk VR, VIVE Cosmos, etc.

- **Robotics/Embedded Systems:** Rasberry Pi, Arduino, Temi Robot, MakeBlock, Dextor

- **Programming Languages:** Python, C, C++, VB, C#, Shell, Bash, Java, PHP, ASP.net, JavaScript, XML

- **Cloud Services:** Amazon Web Services, Rackspace, Windows Azure, Linode, GoogleCloud

- **Deployments:** Apache, IIS, MS-RDS, Live Streaming, Wowza, Red5, Adobe Encoder, Docker

- **Development Tools:** VS .NET, SQL Management Studio, NetBeans, Dreamweaver, Python IDE

- **Design Tools:** MS Visio, MS Project, Photoshop, Fireworks, Zend Framework, Premiere Pro

- **Operating Systems:** MS Server 2020/2016/2012, Linux, Raspbian, Ubuntu, RedHat, Android

- **Database Management:** MS SQL, My SQL, SPARQL, Oracle, phpMyAdmin

- **Technical Support:** Application Deployment and Bugs Fixing, Cloud Computing

PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS COMPLETED

1. Quality Practitioner Training Program for NCAAA Accreditation — (2 to 3 November, 2022)
2. Palo Alto Networks Cybersecurity Academy, Saudi Arabia — (7 to 10 April, 2020)
3. Windows Server Administration, Koing Solutions, Dubai, UAE — (11 to 19 March, 2016)
4. CISCO CCNA Training, PMU, Khobar, Saudi Arabia — (18 to 21 January, 2016)

INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATIONS COMPLETED

1. Cloud Infrastructure and Services (EMC) — (April 23, 2016)
2. IOE (Internet of Everything - Cisco) — (Feburary 19, 2016)
3. CCNA (Introduction to Networks - Cisco) — (Feburary 25, 2016)
4. ITE (Information Technology Essentials - Cisco) — (January 26, 2016)
5. Entrepreneurship (Cisco) — (Feburary 19, 2016)
6. RackSpace Cloud Computing (RackSpace) — (December 11, 2015)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOSIATIONS

- National Academy of Inventors (NAI) - Honorary membership — (2022-Till Date)
- IEEE Full Membership — (2017 – 2021)
- ACM Honorary Membership — (2011-2012)

EXPERIENCE: TEACHING / RESEARCH / INDUSTRY

Acting Director, Center for Artificial Intelligence   **(May 2023 – Present)**

Prince Mohammad bin Fahd University (PMU), Saudi Arabia

- PMU (established in 2006) is ranked #1 in Arab World by THE and #590 around the World by the QS University Rankings.

Under my supervision, the center established two cutting-edge labs to boost AI research and innovation at PMU in 2023. These labs are equipped with state-of-the-art technologies and machinery to help researchers perform different experiments Devices (Olympus Microscope for Medical Imaging Data, Olympus Scanner, Temi Robot, Oculus, VIVE Cosmos, VIVE Elite, Realwear, KATwalk VR, HPC Server with 16 Tesla V100 GPUs, etc.).

The center is planned for the following activities for 2024 under my supervision:

- Develop a Generative AI model to be integrated with Humanoid Robots for advising.
- Build a PMU Campus Live Virtual Tour by current AI Center TEMI robots.
- Deliver a series of Workshops/Seminars (4) to promote awareness of Generative AI.
- Organize and host an International Conference on broad AI topics in collaboration with CCES.
- Enhance e-learning quality by using VR technology to establish a prototype for virtual classrooms.
- Conduct and sponsor a regional competition in AI to promote the PMU AI center.
- Recruit top 1% four researcher to be affiliated with the AI center.
- Increase Research Productivity (25 articles) of faculty involved with the center.

I played a key role in the development of the following degree plans at PMU:

- BS AI Degree Plan
- MS AI Degree Plan
- PhD AI Degree Plan

I played a supervising role in the establishment of following research Labs at PMU:

- <u>AI HPC Lab</u> (Server with 16 V100 GPUs, Olympus Microscope, Olympus Scanner,)
- <u>AI VR/AR Lab</u> (Temi Robot, Oculus, VIVE Cosmos, VIVE Elite, Realwear, KATwalk, NI Sound Processing)
- <u>Robotics Lab</u> (Zara Robot, NAO Robot, 3D Scanner, 3D Printer, PCB Printer, Quad Copter/Research Drones)
- <u>Embedded Systems Lab</u> (Rasberry Pi Kits, Arduino Kits, Dexter Kits, 50+ IoT sensors and other microcontrollers)

I also conducted several workshops at PMU and other places:

- Future Applications of Artificial Intelligence (PMU, KSA) –2023
- The Unstoppable Rise of Generative AI, Featuring ChatGPT Workshop (PMU, KSA) - 2023
- Patent Success Story: Ideas, Filing and Benefits (PMU, KSA) – 2022
- Machine Learning for Researchers (Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VI, USA) – 2021
- Research Webinar: Glioma Tumor Classification using Deep Learning (PMU, KSA) – 2021
- Linux Administration (Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, KSA) – 2020
- Machine Learning Workshop: Build your Research Skills (PMU, KSA) – 2019
- Java Programming for Advance Learners (PMU, KSA) – 2019
- Python Programming for IoT (PMU, KSA) – 2018
- System-On-Chip: Raspberry Pi (PMU, KSA) – 2018

Post-Doctoral Fellow/ Researcher   **(May 2021 – April 2023)**

University of Quebec, Canada

Conducting research and development on the industry-funded project on recognition of mineral grains from images by exploiting Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning methods. The main focus of the project is to create new efficient solutions based on deep learning algorithms for Minerals Recognition. This project was directly funded by the Quebec, Canada Government for Nature and Technologies (FRQNT).

Mainly, I worked on the following during the fellowship:

- Collect mineral grain images using Olympus Microscope.
- Collection of grains annotations from the Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM).
- Preprocessing the grains and adjustment of alignment using different image processing techniques.
- Grains segmentation using different computer vision techniques (superpixels, region growing, etc.).
- Feature extraction using Deep Learning, Color, Shape and Texture of the mineral grains.
- Classification of mineral grains using deep learning models and standard machine learning methods.

Machine Learning Expert – Engineer (Offshore)   **(June 2021 – Nov. 2021)**

All4Cure - Health Information Technology Company in USA

I was the lead member of the team for the drugs entity and other metrics extraction from the progress notes for drugs discovery using the Natural Language Processing (NLP) and other machine learning techniques. The project was initially started for the Multiple Myeloma cancer patients progress notes which was extended to other types of Cancers. The system was able to visually captures entire cancer history by compiling medical records from all of your oncologists into a single comprehensive display. Input from other participants including patients, clinicians and researchers provide ideas that you and your doctor may wish to consider.

Research Coordinator – Deanship of Research and Graduate Studies   **(Jan. 2019 – May 2021)**

Prince Mohammad bin Fahd University (PMU), Saudi Arabia

As Research Coordinator, main responsibilities included; overseeing and managing research projects, ensuring compliance for articles publication and funding. Provide support to researcher professors for interdisciplinary research, proposal development, grant applications, and budgeting, while also coordinating communication and collaboration among researchers and external partners.

At PMU, I also taught following courses:

1.	Computer Vision	(Taught 4 times)
2.	Computer Organization	(Taught 8 times)
3.	Artificial Intelligence	(Taught 8 times)
4.	Machine Learning	(Taught 5 time)
5.	System Programming	(Taught 7 times)
6.	Introduction to Cryptography	(Taught 1 time)
7.	Business Intelligence	(Taught 2 time)
8.	Requirements Engineering	(Taught 4 times)
9.	Software Architecture and Design	(Taught 3 times)
10.	Web Server Management	(Taught 1 time)
11.	Software Project Management	(Taught 2 times)
12.	Assessment III (Senior Design Project)	(Taught 5 times)
13.	Introduction to Computer Concepts and Applications	(Taught 6 times)
14.	Introduction to Information Technology	(Taught 2 times)
15.	Web Programming for Information Systems	(Taught 2 times)

I developed the following new Courses at PMU:

1. Deep Learning   (BS-AI)
2. Machine Learning   (MS-AI)
3. Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition   (MS-AI)
4. Computer Graphics   (MS-AI)
5. Scripting Languages for AI   (BS-AI)
6. Introduction to Data Science   (BS-CS)
7. System Programming   (BS-IT)

I played major role as key member in achieving following accreditations for PMU:

- ABET accreditation for Information Technology Department (2016-2028).
- ABET accreditation for Computer Engineering Department (2019-2028).
- Accreditation from the National Commission for Academic Accreditation and Assessment - NCAAA (2021).

Lab Instructor – College of Computer Engineering and Sciences   (Jan 2014 – Dec 2015)

Prince Mohammad bin Fahd University (PMU), Saudi Arabia

The teaching duties as Lab Instructor involved conducting hands-on laboratory sessions for Computer Science, IT, Computer Engineering courses, guiding students through practical exercises, and demonstrating the use of relevant software, programming languages, and equipment. Provide individualized assistance to students, ensuring a safe and productive lab environment while also managing and maintaining laboratory equipment and software.

At PMU, I also conducted following Labs:

1. Embedded Systems Lab   (Taught 10 times)
2. System Programming Lab   (Taught 7 times)
3. Computer Science Lab   (Taught 8 times)
4. Cloud Computing   (Taught 1 time)
5. Programming Languages Lab   (Taught 3 times)
6. Computer Science II Lab   (Taught 8 times)
7. Web Server Management Lab   (Taught 1 time)

I also developed manuals for the following new Labs at PMU:

1. System Programming Lab   3. Embedded Systems Lab
2. Cloud Computing   4. Synthesis with Hardware Descriptive Languages

AML Cloud Based PLS Manger (Offshore)   (Sep. 2011-April 2012)

Medical Licensing Service, American Medical Logistics (http://physicianlicensing.com/)

I was one of the key members of the team who developed AML-PLS and I managed this whole System on Cloud. Atlas DS, American Medical Logistics has pioneered technology to securely store proprietary information, merge the information with applications for purposes of Licensing, Credentialing, Insurance & Medicaid/Medicare enrollment, and DEA registration, and have the information & processes available to clients 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Cloud EHR Engineer   (Aug. 2010 – Sep. 2011)

CareCloud - MTBC® A Unique Healthcare IT Company (http://www.carecloud.com/)

I was part of the team who successfully designed, implemented, deployed and administered Cloud Based EHR/EMR applications by using the AWS EC2, VPC, CloudWatch, S3, CloudFront, SES, SNS, IAM, VPC Services. I had mainly following responsibilities for Web based and Desktop Based Cloud EHR Applications:

- Designing, developing, de-bugging and maintaining medical applications using C# and MS SQL.
- Work with the team to write test plans for components and overall system.

- Testing and installation of the Company's software's into the client machines.
- Setup of Auto Snapshot, AMI creation and deletion for backups, Different Cloud Watch Alarms.
- Setup of Auto Synchronization between the Live and Backup Servers.
- Maintaining the Security of the Server according the USA HIPPA Compliance.
- Optimize the Cost and enhance the performance of EC2 Servers through different ways.

Teacher Assistant (NUCES)   (Sep. 2008 – May 2010)

National University of Computer and Emerging Sciences (NUCES)

At NUCES, I was teaching assistant for the following courses:

1.	Digital Image Processing	Spring 2010
2.	Software Engineering	Spring 2010
3.	Linear Algebra	Fall 2009
4.	Software Engineering	Spring 2009
5.	Numerical Analysis	Fall 2008

Quality Assurance Officer   (June 2007 – Sep. 2007)

MINISTRY OF IT (Pakistan) & FAST-NUCES

Worked as a Quality Assurance Officer for Outreach Scholarship Program supported by Ministry of IT and FAST National University of Computer and Emerging Sciences, in four Colleges of Dera Ghazi Khan Region.

CISCO Certified Instructor   (March 2016 – Present)

Cisco Networking Academy

Eligible to teach following CISCO courses:

1.	IT Essentials: Hardware and Software	12.	Be Your Own Boss
2.	CCNA R&S: Introduction to Networks	13.	Packet Tracer Know How 1
3.	CCNA R&S 6.0 Bridging	14.	Packet Tracer Know How 2
4.	Networking Essentials	15.	Mobility Fundamentals
5.	Introduction to the Internet of Everything	16.	Partner: NDG Linux Essentials
6.	Introduction to IoT	17.	Partner: NDG Linux I
7.	Entrepreneurship	18.	Partner: NDG Linux II
8.	Introduction to Cybersecurity	19.	Partner: CPA - Programming in C++
9.	Cybersecurity Essentials	20.	Partner: CLA - Programming in C
10.	Get Connected	21.	CCNA Discovery 1: Networking for Home
11.	Community: Smart Grid Essentials	22.	CCNA Exploration 1: Network Fundamentals

RESEARCH GRANTS

Following are the list of research funding I received for different projects:

2023
1. Ghazanfar Latif (PI), 22,550 (SAR), Multilevel Medical Image Steganography: Secured Health Records in medical images without degrading their Quality. *PMU Cybersecurity Grants 2022, Prince Mohammed bin Fahd University*, Saudi Arabia.
2. Ghazanfar Latif (PI), 18,780 (SAR), Innovative Education System for the Blind: AI based Arabic Braille Language System. *Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd Center for Futuristic Studies (PMFCFS) Research Grant 2022, Prince Mohammed bin Fahd University*, Saudi Arabia.

2021   3.   Ghazanfar Latif (project team member), <u>90,800 (SAR)</u>, Fast Diagnosis of Covid-19 using Convolutional Neural Networks. *Qassim University, Grant # UCC-BS-2020-1-3-10146 from Ministry of Higher Educatio*n, Saudi Arabia.

2021   4.   Ghazanfar Latif (project team member), <u>381,000 (CAD $)</u> valued grant that team secured at the "Fonds de recherche du Québec – Nature et technologies", University of Quebec, Canada.

2020   5.   Ghazanfar Latif (PI), <u>27,500 (SAR)</u>, Medical Image Processing: Brain Tumor, Skin Cancer and Retinopathy Detection and Classification. Prince Mohammed bin Fahd University.

6.   Ghazanfar Latif (Co-PI), <u>47,900 (SAR)</u>, Arabic Sign Language Recognition. Prince Mohammed bin Fahd University, Saudi Arabia.

7.   Ghazanfar Latif (Co-PI), <u>20,500 (SAR)</u>, Evaluation of Machine Learning Techniques for Enhanced Image Understanding in Several Domains. Prince Mohammed bin Fahd University, Saudi Arabia

2017   8.   Ghazanfar Latif (Co-PI), <u>56,750 (SAR)</u>, A Study on the Confused Handwritten Indian (Arabic) Numerical images. Deanship of Research, Prince Mohammed bin Fahd University, Saudi Arabia.

RESEARCH PROJECT SAMPLES

1.   **Post-Doctoral Project:** Mineral Grains Recognition and Classification — **(ML/AI)**
2.   **PhD Thesis:** Brain Tumor Classification using Deep Learning — **(ML / AI**)
3.   **MS Thesis:** Brain MRI Tumor Analysis and Classification using Deep Learning — **(ML / AI**)
4.   **BS Project:** Brain Inspector - Detection and 3D Visualization of Brain Tumor from MRI — **(AI)**
5.   Diabetic Retinopathy Detection using AI/Machine Learning — **(AI/ML**)
6.   Medical Images (CT/MRI, Ultrasound, Digital) Classification — **(AI)**
7.   Ultrasound Image Denoising and Despeckling — **(Image Processing**)
8.   Text Classification (Tweets/Arabic Emails, Hate Speech) — **(NLP**)
9.   Plant Leaf Classification for Plant Diseases Detection — **(AI / ML**)
10.   Arabic Handwritten Text/Numerals Recognition — **(ML)**
11.   Arabic Spam Email Classification — **(ML)**
12.   Arabic Signature Verification — **(ML/ Image Processing)**
13.   Arabic Sign Language Recognition — **(ML / Deep Learning)**

EDITORIAL / INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

2024   1.   Guest Editor, <u>Algorithms</u> Journal Special Issue (IF: 2.3) titled: "Advancing Smart Health and Biomedical Research with Artificial Intelligence Algorithms".

2023   2.   Guest Editor, <u>Diagnostics</u> Journal Special Issue (IF: 3.99) titled: "2nd Edition: AI/ML-Based Medical Image Processing and Analysis".

2022   3.   Chair, Technical Program Committee, 14th IEEE CICN Conference, Saudi Arabia.

4.   Session Chair, Image Processing, Signal processing and Computer Vision Track, 14th IEEE CICN Conference.

5.   Guest Editor, <u>Diagnostics</u> Journal Special Issue (IF: 3.99) titled: "AI/ML-Based Medical Image Processing and Analysis".

2020   6.   Chair of International Student Competitions Committee (PMU, KSA).

7. Lead Member of BS and MS in AI programs design Committee (PMU, KSA).

8. Member of Robotics Lab Committee (PMU, KSA).

9. Member of AI Lab Committee (PMU, KSA).

2019 10. Member of Scientific Research Committee (PMU, KSA).

11. Member of CCES Workshops Committee (PMU, KSA).

2016 12. Member of ABET Accreditation Committee (PMU, KSA)

13. Member of CCES Labs Committee (PMU, KSA)

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ATTENDED AS PRESENTER

2023 1. 5th International Conference on Engineering Education and Innovation (ICEEI), Bali, Indonesia, (SPIE).

2. 9th International Conference on Modeling, Simulation and Applied Optimization (ICMSAO), Marrakech, Morocco, (AIP).

2022 3. 14th International Conference on Computational Intelligence and Communication Networks (CICN), Khobar, Saudi Arabia, (IEEE).

2020 4. International Conference on Research, Innovation and Vision for the Future, Vietnam, (IEEE – Virtual due to COVID).

5. International Conference on Communication, Computing and Electronics Systems (ICCCES), Coimbatore, India, (IEEE – Virtual due to COVID).

6. 3rd SMART Cities Symposium, IET Digital Library, Manama, Bahrain, (IET Inspect – Virtual due to COVID).

2019 7. 4th Current Research on Information Technology, Mathematics Sciences, Science and Technology, Melaka, Malaysia, (Scopus).

8. International Conference on Computing and Big Data (ICCBD), Charleston, South Carolina, USA, (ACM).

2018 9. 4th International Conference on Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Ankara Turkey, (IEEE).

10. 8th International Conference on Biomedical Engineering and Technology (ICBET), Bali, Indonesia, (ACM).

11. 16th International Learning and Technology Conference: Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning: Intelligence is Power, January, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, (Elsevier).

12. 7th International Conference on Computer Science, Engineering and Technologies (ICCSET), Bangkok, Thailand, (Scopus).

2017 13. 4th International Conference on Engineering Technologies and Applied Sciences (ICETAS), Manama, Bahrain, (IEEE).

14. 10th International Conference on Information Technology in Asia (CITA`17), Kuching, Malaysia, (Scopus).

2013 15. International Conference on Technology for Helping People with Special Needs (ICTHP), Riyadh, KSA.

2012 16. 3rd Scientific Conference, Ministry of Higher Education, Khobar, KSA.

US Patents (Total Granted: 5)

2022

1. U.S. Patent No. US11227387B2: **Ghazanfar Latif**, (2022). Multi-stage brain tumor image processing method and system. *Washington, DC: U.S. Patent and Trademark Office*. https://patents.google.com/patent/US11227387B2.

2. U.S. Patent No. US11393361B1: **Ghazanfar Latif**., Alghazo, J., Alufaisan, S., Albur, W., & Alsedrah, S. (2022). Braille Reader System using Deep Learning Framework. *Washington, DC: U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.* https://patents.google.com/patent/US11393361B1/en

2023

3. U.S. Patent No. US11829959B1: **Ghazanfar Latif,** Ghassen Ben Brahim (2023). System and methods for fully autonomous potholes detection and road repair determination. *Washington, DC: U.S. Patent and Trademark Office*. https://patents.google.com/patent/US11829959B1/en.

4. U.S. Patent No. US11748588B1: **Ghazanfar Latif,** Ghassen Ben Brahim (2023). Automated Secure Paper Tray Access and Paper Quota Management System for Public Printers. *Washington, DC: U.S. Patent and Trademark Office*. https://patents.google.com/patent/US11748588B1.

5. U.S. Patent No. US11755687B2: Khan, M. A., Mohammad, N., Brahim, G. B., Bashar, A., **Ghazanfar Latif**. (2023). Text independent writer verification method and system. *Washington, DC: U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.* https://patents.google.com/patent/US20230112880A1.

International Journal Articles (Total: 45 – IF 84.727, Corresponding Author: 92%, First Author 57%)

2024

6. Hasanaath A.A., Mohammed A.S, **Ghazanfar Latif**, Sherif E. A, Alghazo J., Hussain A. A., (2024), Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia detection using Ensemble Features from multiple deep CNN Models, *Electronic Research Archive (in press)*.

   (*ISI Impact Factor:0.8*).

2023

7. **Ghazanfar Latif**, Bashar, A., Awang Iskandar, D. N. F., Mohammad, N., Brahim, G. B., & Alghazo, J. M. (2023). Multiclass tumor identification using combined texture and statistical features. *Medical & biological engineering & computing*, 61(1), 45-59.

   (*ISI Impact Factor: 3.079*).

8. Alghazo, J., **Ghazanfar Latif** (2023). Editorial: AI/ML-Based Medical Image Processing and Analysis. *Diagnostics*, *13*(24), 3671.

   (*ISI Impact Factor: 3. 992*).

9. Mohammed, A. S., Hasanaath, A. A., **Ghazanfar Latif**, & Bashar, A. (2023). Knee Osteoarthritis Detection and Severity Classification Using Residual Neural Networks on Preprocessed X-ray Images. *Diagnostics*, *13*(8), 1380.

   (*ISI Impact Factor: 3.992*).

10. **Ghazanfar Latif**, Alghmgham, D. A., Maheswar, R., Alghazo, J., Sibai, F., & Aly, M. H. (2023). Deep learning in Transportation: Optimized driven deep residual networks for Arabic traffic sign recognition. *Alexandria Engineering Journal*, *80*, 134-143.

    (*ISI Impact Factor: 6.8*).

11. **Ghazanfar Latif**, Brahim, G. B., Abdelhamid, S. E., Alghazo, R., Alhabib, G., & Alnujaidi, K. (2023). Learning at Your Fingertips: An Innovative IoT-Based AI-Powered Braille Learning System. *Applied System Innovation*, *6*(5), 91.

    (*ISI Impact Factor: 3.8*).

12. **Ghazanfar Latif**, Nazeeruddin Mohammad, and Jaafar Alghazo. "DeepFruit: A dataset of fruit images for fruit classification and calories calculation." *Data in Brief* 50 (2023): 109524.

    (*ISI Impact Factor: 1.2*).

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3	Deep Learning and Image Processing for Tooth Diseases	Aug 23, 2021 - Oct 01, 2021	Japan
4	LSTM Deep/Machine Learning Project Tone Up	Jul 23, 2021 – Aug 2, 2021	USA
5	Feature Extraction (NLP) using Python	Jun 24, 2021 - Jun 28, 2021	Greece
6	CNN, Tensorflow and Colab	Jul 4, 2021 – Jul 27, 2021	Australia
7	Design a Variational-Convolutional Autoencoder	Jun 15, 2021 – Jun 21, 2021	USA
8	MATLAB Expert for Streaming Data	Jun 27, 2021 – Jul 2, 2021	Saudi Arabia
9	Computer Vision Expert	Jun 12, 2021 - Jun 17, 2021	Canada
10	Build an API for Handwritten Characters Recognition	July 19, 2021 – Oct 8, 2021	USA
11	Valeriy Rasskazov / Amazon AWS Monitoring software	Sep 09, 2013 – Mar., 2014	Australia
12	Ambient BP / Incorporating 26 video files into website in the most efficient way.	Aug 23, 2013 - Mar, 2014	USA
13	Coresoft / Amazon AWS Systems Specialist	Aug 08, 2013 - Mar, 2014	Singapore
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17	Portoformia / Cloud architecture designer	Jun 24, 2013 - Jan, 2014	USA
18	Speaktopic ApS / Design of architechure for Amazon Cloud website	Jun 19, 2013 – Jan, 2014	Denmark
19	Phoner / AWS SES Tech	Jun 14, 2013 - Dec, 2013	USA
20	DataZoo Media / Amazon Elastic Transcoder	May 15, 2013 - Dec, 2013	Canada
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22	MediaLeaf Technologies, Inc. / Need Help Writing Amazon S3 Bucket Access Policy	Aug 16, 2013 - Sep 10, 2013	Australia
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26	SensibleS (1) / ec2	Feb 12, 2012 - Jan 25, 2013	USA
27	Techsided Solutions / Cloud Architect	Jan 21, 2012 - Jul 06, 2012	USA
28	JeFrench / Ezs3 Expert	Apr 17, 2012 - Jun 16, 2012	USA
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31	GOCHIPI / Expert	Oct 12, 2011 - Apr 13, 2012	USA
32	N/A / AWS designer	Oct 25, 2011 - Feb 20, 2012	USA
33	Helpmewithdotnet / ASP.NET Web Developer	Oct 29, 2011 - Feb 17, 2012	Canada
34	hsouza / Cloud Computing Architect	Oct 22, 2011 - Feb 13, 2012	USA
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37	ADIL / Amazon ec2 expert	Jan 24, 2012 - Jan 26, 2012	Saudi Arabia
38	Robert G. / Amazon API Developer	Dec 19, 2011 - Dec 28, 2011	Canada
39	Bonnell Street Enterprises, Inc. / AWS Guru	Nov 14, 2011 - Dec 05, 2011	USA
40	New World Media Irl / AWS Module 3&4	Oct 11, 2011 - Nov 29, 2011	Ireland
41	RevUp Render, Inc. / EC2 Expert	Oct 27, 2011 - Nov 26, 2011	USA

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44	Helpmewithdotnet / AWS EC2 VPC Configuration Assistance	Oct 20, 2011 - Oct 27, 2011	Canada
45	internetdata / Senior Amazon AWS / ECS Server Administrator	Oct 12, 2011 - Oct 27, 2011	USA
46	internetdata / server work	Oct 10, 2011 - Oct 11, 2011	USA
47	New World Media Irl / AWS	Oct 04, 2011 - Oct 10, 2011	Ireland
48	ZoomRadar / Image Manipulation Specialist	Aug 18, 2011 - Oct 04, 2011	USA
49	New World Media Irl / AWS Scripting	Sep 16, 2011 - Oct 03, 2011	Ireland
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