

# DR NIKHIL SHENAI

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## SUMMARY

PhD with strong Quantitative and Programming skills, passionate about Quantitative Development

Multi-disciplined in education (Cambridge, Imperial) and versatile with technology (C++, Python)  
Capable of designing and implementing complex end-to-end solutions (Cryptocurrency Platform)  
Implemented Machine Learning and Econometrics models in Matlab, Statistical Learning models in R

## SKILLS

**Quantitative:** [from PhD, MSc, BA] Time Series Models, Time and Spectral Estimation, Kalman Filter, Machine Learning (Ernest Chan, Andrew Ng), Statistical Learning (Hastie et al.), Stochastic and Point Processes, Financial and Derivatives Theory

**Programming:** [from PhD, Accenture, own business] C++, Matlab, Java, Python, R, SQL, MetaTrader, JForex, Cryptocurrency APIs, Betfair API, Web Scraping, EViews, SOAP/XML, C#, Stata

**General:** [from PhD, Accenture] Object Oriented Programming, Tick Data, Data Warehousing, Lifecycles: Academic Research, Software Development, Consulting Project

## EDUCATION

**PhD in Financial Econometrics**  
2007 to 2012  
**Imperial College Business School, South Kensington, London SW7 2AZ**  
Research Topic: Dynamic Modelling of Irregular Times, Prices and Volumes at High Frequencies  
Key Areas: Time Series Models, Long Memory, Point Processes, Tick Data, Kalman Filter, Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Whittle Estimation, C++, Matlab, SQL, R

**MSc Finance**  
2003 – 2004  
**Imperial College Business School, South Kensington, London SW7 2AZ**  
A-grade average, specialisation in Financial Engineering courses, applied Matlab in Thesis  
Key Courses: Advanced Options Theory, Fixed Income, Risk Management

**BA Economics**  
2000 – 2003  
**Jesus College, University of Cambridge, Cambridge CB5 8BL**  
High Upper 2<sup>nd</sup> (Hons.), included Maths, Econometrics and Finance courses  
Top mark in the year in Financial Econometrics Exam (final year)

**Secondary School**  
1994-1999  
**St. Paul's School, Lonsdale Road, London SW13 9JT**  
A-Levels: Maths (A), Further Maths (A), Physics (A), Economics (A)  
AS-Levels: French: A A/O-Levels: French: A  
GCSEs: 9 A\*s (including Maths, Physics and History), 2 As (English and English Literature)

## PUBLICATIONS

Zikes, F., Barunik, J., & Shenai, N. (2014).  
“Modeling and Forecasting Persistent Financial Durations”. *Econometric Reviews* – available [here](#)

## AWARDS / ACHIEVEMENTS

**Programming:** Hackerrank.com: Rank 1 for C++ (top 200 out of 308 000 programmers) Profile: link [here](#)  
(Ranked Rank 1 for Java (top 1200 out of 477 000) Leaderboard: link [here](#)  
Practice Rank 1 for Python (top 250 out of 323 000) (you can filter by “Hacker”  
Challenges) Rank 1 for SQL (top 2200 out of 297 000) using the name: nikhil\_shenai)  
Top 1% for Algorithms and Data Structures (out of 1 442 000, 450 000 respectively)

Scored 81% / Strong on International Knowledge Measurement C++ 11 assessment

**Trading:** Received interest from Wiley & Sons Publishers for a book and course deal  
Accepted invitation to be Co-organiser of London Systematic Traders meetup group (link [here](#))

**Training / Tutoring:** Award for “Top Tutor” at The Profs, Private University Tutors (1<sup>st</sup> out of 400 active tutors)

**Imperial (PhD):** Awarded ESRC Studentship at Imperial (only 2 available)

**Imperial (MSc):** Award for “Best Technical Thesis” for implementation of Fast Fourier Transforms for Options Pricing  
**Cambridge:** Scholarship in final year (top 10 out of 170 in penultimate year exams)

**Accenture:** Sponsorship throughout undergraduate degree

**St. Paul's:** Top Scholarship throughout (170 candidates)

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## PERSONAL

Nationality: British

Gender: Male

## CAREER HISTORY

<p><b><i>E K TECHNOLOGIES</i></b> (own business) <i>2012 to date</i></p> <p>BUSINESS AREA:</p> <p>QUANTITATIVE CONSULTING</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Founder: I build software for Trading and Data Science. Website: <a href="http://www.eekaytee.com">www.eekaytee.com</a> Client feedback is on the “Testimonials” page of my website: link <a href="#">here</a></li><li>• Highlight: Built a Platform for trading and data collection for Cryptocurrency APIs (summary <a href="#">here</a>) Using Java and JavaScript, REST and Streaming services, and OOP / OOD concepts. Features: Multithreading, Automated Trading across 6) exchanges accounting for market depths across assets (Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies e.g. Ether)</li><li>• Selected Past Projects (indent shows programming languages used): <table><tbody><tr><td>Financial Investment Application (Equities)</td><td>Python</td></tr><tr><td>Pattern Recognition Trading Strategy (FX)</td><td>Python, C (MQL4)</td></tr><tr><td>Long / Short Memory Trading Strategy (FX)</td><td>C (MQL4)</td></tr><tr><td>Wavelet Analysis Trading Strategy (Futures)</td><td>R, TradeStation, C (MQL4)</td></tr><tr><td>Cointegration Analysis for Pairs Trading (Stocks, Commodities)</td><td>Matlab</td></tr><tr><td>Renko Bar Trading using JForex (FX, Indices, Commodities)</td><td>Java (JForex)</td></tr><tr><td>Economic Calendar Scraper for generating News Indicators (FX)</td><td>C (MQL4)</td></tr><tr><td>Backtesting using MeX to call C++ from Matlab (FX)</td><td>Matlab, C++, MySQL</td></tr><tr><td>Trading and Data Collection using the Betfair API (Tennis)</td><td>Matlab, XML, C#, Excel</td></tr></tbody></table></li><li>• Selected Past Clients:  Rishi Gohill, Gohill Trading (<a href="http://gohilltrading.co.uk/">http://gohilltrading.co.uk/</a>) Joe Branco, Forex Living (<a href="http://www.forex-living.com">http://www.forex-living.com</a>) Vedanta Trading Limited (<a href="http://www.masterthemarkets.net">http://www.masterthemarkets.net</a>) Professor Paolo Zaffaroni, Head of Finance Group, Imperial College Business School</li><li>• Future Projects: <table><tbody><tr><td>ARFIMA Signals applying the Kalman Filter</td><td>Matlab, C (MQL4), Java</td></tr><tr><td>Support Vector Machine Trading Strategy</td><td>Matlab, C (MQL4), Java</td></tr></tbody></table></li><li>• Courses: Artificial Intelligence Techniques for Traders (Ernest Chan): SVMs, Random Forests Machine Learning (Andrew Ng): Neural Networks, PCA, Clustering</li></ul>	Financial Investment Application (Equities)	Python	Pattern Recognition Trading Strategy (FX)	Python, C (MQL4)	Long / Short Memory Trading Strategy (FX)	C (MQL4)	Wavelet Analysis Trading Strategy (Futures)	R, TradeStation, C (MQL4)	Cointegration Analysis for Pairs Trading (Stocks, Commodities)	Matlab	Renko Bar Trading using JForex (FX, Indices, Commodities)	Java (JForex)	Economic Calendar Scraper for generating News Indicators (FX)	C (MQL4)	Backtesting using MeX to call C++ from Matlab (FX)	Matlab, C++, MySQL	Trading and Data Collection using the Betfair API (Tennis)	Matlab, XML, C#, Excel	ARFIMA Signals applying the Kalman Filter	Matlab, C (MQL4), Java	Support Vector Machine Trading Strategy	Matlab, C (MQL4), Java
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<p><b><i>THE INSTITUTE OF QUANTITATIVE TECHNOLOGY</i></b> (own business) <i>2020 to date</i></p> <p>BUSINESS AREA:</p> <p>QUANTITATIVE PRODUCTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Founder: we produce products for Algorithmic Trading and Data Science in MQL4 and Python Website: <a href="http://www.theiqt.com">www.theiqt.com</a></li><li>• Highlight: Developed <i>Advantage</i>, an MT4 plugin which helps traders to:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• implement Algorithmic Trading with up to 85% less MQL4 code</li><li>• handle risk management and scalping more easily</li></ul> <i>Advantage</i> is available at <a href="https://theiqt.com/advantage">https://theiqt.com/advantage</a></li></ul>																						

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<p><b>THE PROFS</b> (Tutoring Agency) <i>2014 to date</i></p> <p>BUSINESS AREA:  QUANTITATIVE TRAINING</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Quantitative Consultant working with professionals, postgraduates and undergraduates in the areas of Programming, Data Science / Statistics / Econometrics, Mathematics and Finance at The Profs, Private University Tutors: <a href="https://www.theprofs.co.uk/">https://www.theprofs.co.uk/</a> The Guardian Newspaper Start Up of the Year Finalist in 2016.</li><li>• Top Tutor award in 2016 (out of 400 tutors). 1000+ Sessions, 100+ Clients. Strong results have been achieved by clients, visible on the “Testimonials” page of my website: link <a href="#">here</a>. Latest testimonials are at LinkedIn: <a href="https://www.linkedin.com/in/dr-nikhil-shenai/">https://www.linkedin.com/in/dr-nikhil-shenai/</a></li><li>• Highlight: Assisted Global Head of Conduct at HSBC with Artificial Intelligence MSc courses:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) C++ and Matlab programming for a self-driving robot, she received a mark of 70%. Video <a href="#">here</a> (C++ 2-4-2 MLP Neural Network with tanh Activation Functions)</li><li>2) Mathematical preparation for Robotics and Neural Networks exams, she received marks of 75% for both</li></ol></li><li>• Selected Client Backgrounds with numbers in brackets: Professional (33), LSE (23), City University / Bayes (13), UCL (7), King’s College London (6), Cambridge (2)</li></ul>
<p><b>ACCENTURE</b> <i>2004 – 2007 (graduate)</i> <i>2001 (internship)</i> <i>1999 – 2000 (gap year)</i></p> <p>BUSINESS AREA: MANAGEMENT AND IT CONSULTING</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Promoted to Consultant / Associate at the first opportunity</li><li>• Sponsored throughout university based on Gap Year performance (1999-2000) Gained strong feedback on Internship (2001) leading to graduate job offer (2003)</li><li>• Technologies: SQL, Business Objects Designer and Reports Developer (tools for automating queries and presenting reports), Business Objects Data Integrator (ETL tool), AutoIt</li><li>• Areas of work:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Business Intelligence (data warehousing, database management, reporting software)</li><li>- Finance &amp; Performance Management (business process analysis and design)</li><li>- Change Management (training)</li><li>- SAP (support of user transaction systems)</li></ul></li><li>• Client contact:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Gained strong client feedback throughout (Warner Bros., Sky and BAE Systems)</li><li>- Usually worked towards challenging deadlines as part of an Accenture team at the client site, in final project acted as sole representative of Accenture at the client site</li><li>- Developed, deployed, led user acceptance and provided live support for Business Intelligence software reports for global Finance and Sales departments (for employees up to Director level)</li><li>- Directed onsite training and development of user training manuals for one client</li><li>- Client company sectors: Media &amp; Entertainment, Aerospace &amp; Defence</li></ul></li><li>• Consulting Project Lifecycle phases: Requirements, Analysis, Design, Build, Deploy, Support</li><li>• Software Development Lifecycle phases: Design, Build, Test, Deploy, Support</li><li>• Courses: SQL, Dimensional Modelling (Ralph Kimball), ETL and Reporting (Business Objects), Consulting, Process Design</li></ul>