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## Education

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<b>PhD in Computer Science</b>	<b>2020 - June 2026</b>
<b>Bachelor of Science with Honors in Computer Science</b>	<b>2016 - 2020</b>
<i>Both: University of Washington, Seattle</i>	

## Research Publications (Selected)

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<b>CHORUS: Foundation Models for Unified Data Discovery &amp; Exploration</b>	<b>VLDB 2024</b>
 <b>Best Paper (Runner Up)</b>	
<b>Moe Kayali, Anton Lykov, Ilias Fountalis, Nikolaos Vasiloglou, Dan Olteanu, Dan Suciu</b>	
<b>Query Blueprints: Addressing Schema Heterogeneity for Agents and Users</b>	
Under Submission to VLDB 2026	
<b>Mind the Data Gap: Bridging Large Language Models to Enterprise Data Integration</b>	
CIDR 2025	
Moe Kayali, Fabian Wenz (TUM), Nesime Tatbul (Intel & MIT), Cagatay Demiralp (Amazon)	
<b>Zero-shot Configurations for Budget-constrained AutoML</b>	
AutoML@KDD 2022	
Moe Kayali, Chi Wang (while at Microsoft Research)	
<b>Color: A Framework for Applying Graph Coloring to Subgraph Cardinality Estimation</b>	
VLDB 2025	
Kyle Deeds, Diandre Sabale, Moe Kayali, Dan Suciu	
<b>Quasi-Stable Coloring for Graph Compression</b>	
VLDB 2023	
Moe Kayali, Dan Suciu	

*Full list of 10 papers on [Google Scholar](#)*

## Work Experience

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<b>Aryn Inc.—Research Scientist Intern</b>	<b>Oct 2023-Jan 2024</b>
Commercialized and integrated CHORUS algorithms into the company's principal RAG product	
<b>Microsoft Gray Systems Laboratory—Research Scientist Intern</b>	<b>Jun 2022-Sep 2022</b>
Built evaluation of competing ML approaches for auto-tuning SQL Server query optimizer	
<b>Microsoft Research—Research Scientist Intern</b>	<b>Jun 2021-Sep 2021</b>
Developed zero-shot AutoML model selection, deployed to MS's open-source FLAML library	

## Patent

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### **Methods for Facilitating Cybersecurity Risk Management** (US patent 17/420,343)

- Ben Ransford, Andrew Deorio, Henrik Holm, **Moe Kayali**  
ML approach for identifying healthcare equipment security risks, now utilized by NIST standard

## Fellowships & Awards

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- **Allen School Leadership Award**, 2024
  - **Herbold Fellowship**, 2021-2022
  - **Outstanding Senior Award**, Allen School of Computer Science, 2020
  - **Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher** (Honorable Mention), U.S. CRA, 2020