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Born in Haifa, Israel, Hassan Al-Haj graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in computer science from the Israel Institute of Technology (Technion) in 2004. From 2005-2008, Hassan pursued his master's in computer science at the University of Haifa; his thesis was titled, "Hebrew Multiworld Expressions." While in graduate school, he worked as a research assistant at the Caesarea Edmond de Rothschild Foundation Institute for Interdisciplinary Applications of Computer Science (CRI).

Hassan has been twice granted the Computer Science Academic Excellence Scholarship in honor of Captain Uri Akavia, the most prestigious scholarship awarded by the University of Haifa's Computer Science Department. In October 2007, Hassan received the International Fulbright Science and Technology Award through which he has been pursuing a Ph.D. at Carnegie Mellon University's School of Computer Science and Language Technology Institute. His work involves automatic spoken language translation enabling cross-lingual, human-to-human communication.