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Experience in agile product development in fintech, real-estate, education, and legal.
B.S. Information Systems and Software Engineering, Damascus University.
Arabic (native speaker), English (fluent) and German (beginner).



Wikimedia Deutschland, Wikidata

Apr - Dec 2019

Tech Lead

Feb - Mar 2019

Senior Fullstack Developer

Open, free and collaborative knowledge-base, powering features in Wikipedia and other Wikimedia projects.

- Normalized a polymorphic db table, eliminating duplication → reducing storage needs by 70%
- Upgraded team's process from push to pull → improved throughput & pair-programming frequency
- Mentored student and intern developers through pair-programming → most got hired

synergist.io

Feb - Nov 2018

Senior Fullstack Developer

B2B SaaS to template, draft, negotiate and digitally sign high-volume low-value contracts.

- Cleaned up legacy code and db design → hugely improved confidence and stability in delivery
- Partnered with PM to add in-product tracking → enabled quantitative analysis of features success

Wundertax

Feb - Dec 2017

Senior Fullstack Developer

B2C SaaS specialized tax submission tools for students and employees in Germany.

- Wrapped web tool as mobile app in 1 week → validate & measure app ads performance

nu3

Jun - Oct 2016

Senior Fullstack Developer

Brand and online shop specialized in nutrition products.

Nestpick

Jun 2015 - May 2016 **Fullstack Developer**

B2C rental platform specialized in mid to long-term stays.

Sabanegh Consultancy

Software development agency

Nov 2014 - Mar 2015 **Software Engineer**

Mar 2011 - Dec 2011 **Software Engineer**

Syrian Educational Publishers

Jun 2012 - Oct 2014 **Software Engineer**

B2B e-Learning platform connecting teachers, students and publishers for modern schooling.

Freelance Web Developer 2009 - 2011

Laravel/Symfony2 - React/Vue - MySQL/PostgreSQL - Redis/Memcached - ElasticSearch

Java, Ruby, Rails5, Node.js, Electron, ReactNative, Go, Jenkins, Swagger, Docker, Git