

# Alaa Qassab

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## Professional Summary

Full-stack developer with over 4 years of hands-on web development experience and more than 10 years in business operations. Former retail business owner and certified accountant with strong analytical and problem-solving skills. Skilled in JavaScript, React, Node.js, HTML, CSS, and modern development practices. Combines technical expertise with business insight to understand user needs and project goals. Seeking opportunities to expand technical skills while contributing business acumen to development teams.

## Technical Skills

- Languages: JavaScript, HTML, CSS.
- Frameworks/Libraries: Express.js, React.
- Tools & Platforms: Git, GitHub, MongoDB
- Practices: Agile workflows, unit testing, pair programming, deployment

## Software Development Experience

Founders and Coders – Coding Foundation Skills Bootcamp

Jan 2024 – Apr 2024

- [Travel Agency Website](#): Designed a responsive, accessible website using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript with a focus on user-friendly UX/UI.
- [Discord Chatbot](#): Created a chatbot using JavaScript and OpenAI API, integrated with Discord and AWS EC2 using YAML configuration and Git workflows.
- [Blog Application](#): Built a dynamic blogging platform using Node.js, Express, MongoDB, and EJS templates.

**CodeYourFuture** – Full-Stack Web Development Programme

Oct 2024 – Sep 2025 (Ongoing)

- Intro to Digital (3 months): Built and deployed websites using HTML, CSS, JavaScript. Project: Developed [a Home Town website](#) prioritising accessibility and clean design.
- Intro to Programming (3 months): Strengthened skills in JavaScript. Project: Created [a TV Show app](#) using modular JS, API integration, and unit testing.

- Piscine (3 weeks): Intensive coding sprint involving collaborative tasks, pair programming, and technical assessments.
- SDC: Full-stack real-time [messaging application](#) built with Node.js and WebSocket technology. Features user authentication, dynamic chat room, and message persistence.

## Additional Experience

Peaceful Borders Charity – Refugee Support Worker

Sep 2018 – Present

- Supported unaccompanied minors and advised refugees on legal and integration matters.
- Delivered translation services and helped bridge communication between refugees and organisations.
- Organised educational and recreational activities including museum trips and English lessons.

Refugee Camp Coordinator – Calais, France

Aug 2015 – Jun 2016

- Coordinated essential services for 400 refugees.
- Assisted 200 children with family reunification processes.
- Advised NGOs on best practices and resource allocation.

Retail Store Owner – Qassab Store, Syria

2004 – 2013

- Managed inventory, procurement, budgeting, marketing, and HR for a successful food retail business.
- Trained and supervised a team of 15 staff.
- Built relationships with local suppliers to ensure quality sourcing.

## Education

Commercial Intermediate Institute, University of Aleppo, Syria

1996 – 2001

## Certifications

- The Complete JavaScript Course, Udemy – Jan–Mar 2023.
  - Ultimate AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner CLF-C02, Udemy – 2025.
- DevOps Beginners to Advanced with Projects, Udemy, ongoing since Sep 2024.