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Professional Summary

Senior Android Developer with 8 years of experience developing, refactoring and optimizing Android apps, Android libraries in Ad-tech and Fintech software domains. Played crucial roles in developing android libraries and Fintech App respectively at two early stage startups which scaled exponentially, of which the latter gained Unicorn status eventually in 2023.

Professional Experience

Software Development Engineer 3 - Android

Nov 2022 - Feb 2024 Bengaluru, India

Slice, Fintech

- Designed core architecture for the UPI payment system using Clean Architecture and MVI, serving 1.5 million users per day as of Feb 2024.
- Ensured quality of deliverables by mentoring Junior developers, doing extensive code reviews and walkthroughs and by helping to adhere to best coding practices.
- Adopted unit tests for modules under the UPI project, achieving 90% code coverage.
- Designed a library to create statistical graphs in Jetpack Compose seamlessly and refactored code to achieve minimal re-compositions.
- Refactored existing multi-module architecture further into data and ui modules to ensure common api's and data are not duplicated across modules thereby reducing dev effort across teams.

Software Development Engineer 2 - Android Slice, Fintech

Nov 2020 - Nov 2022 Bengaluru, India

- Designed an emoji-shower library making it easier for different teams to integrate confetti and emoji animations and reduced memory consumption by 95% by reusing image vectors
- Refactored existing fragments in the codebase thereby increasing UI performance by forcing reuse of already inflated layouts
- Identified frequent use of onboarding stories across teams and created an onboarding status library thereby reducing onboarding feature development time across teams from 1-2 days to half a day
- Identified that modular architecture was not being followed in the organization and initiated multi module architecture thereby making scaling across teams easier

Fullstack Developer iOS, Backend

Sep 2015 - Oct 2019 Bengaluru, India

GreedyGame, Ad-Tech

- Refactored the monolithic Backend written in NodeJS to microservices based architecture using Golang, which helped streamline the development and reduced overall development time, time for debugging issues, and time for deployment.
- Integrated Jenkins CI/CD pipeline for automating artifact creation thereby reducing previous manual effort of 2-3 hours
- Initiated development of the iOS plugin from scratch as a personal project by learning swift and iOS app development which was later incorporated as a separate product line in the organization attracting iOS app and game development companies into the business.
- Developed integration documentation website in Angular JS thereby reducing integration related queries

Senior Developer | Android

GreedyGame, Ad-Tech

Sep 2015 - Apr 2018 Bengaluru, India

- Developed core Android library, which other developers can integrate to show native ads, focusing on optimization and performance thereby reducing memory consumption and library conflicts
- Refactored a single monolithic codebase into multiple modules following facade, adapter, mediator design patterns, and more, applying good coding standards, reducing development time and cross team conflicts.
- Integrated Admob, Mopub and Facebook Ads and wrote wrappers for Unity Game Engine and Cocos-2dx using JNI, C#, and C++, facilitating the Android library to inject ads into games and apps thereby increasing compatible dev environment by 4x
- Ideated and designed separate settings tool app which allows to view debug logs of other games integrated with the Android library in debug mode which resulted in faster debugging and helped QA to reduce bug reporting time by at least 50%

Technical Skills

Languages: Kotlin, Java, Python, Dart, Golang, C++

Platforms: Android Studio, Firebase, AWS, GCM, IntelliJ, VSCode

Skills: Modular code using MVVM MVI and Clean Architecture, Complex UI Development using Compose, Design patterns, Code Reviews and detecting code smells and bugs, Code refactoring, Mentoring Junior Developers, Designing Framework and Libraries, UI Optimizations, Multi Module App Design

Frameworks: Android SDK, Jetpack Compose, Retrofit, Coroutines, Dagger, Hilt, NDK, OkHttp, Room, SQLite, JUnit, Material Components

Tools: Git, AS Profiler, Debugger, Leak Canary, Postman, Network Profiler, Github Actions

Database: SQLite, Firebase Firestore, MySQL, Firebase Realtime

Education

Post-Graduate Diploma Applied Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning Cloud Dev-Ops Conestoga College, Waterloo	Sep 2024 - Dec 2025 Waterloo, Ontario, Canada
Master of Technology Software Engineering CUSAT, Kerala, India	Aug 2012 - Apr 2014 Cochin, Kerala, India
Bachelor of Technology Computer Science & Engineering CoET, Thalassery, India	Aug 2007 - Apr 2011 Thalassery, Kerala, India

Personal Projects

Alngel - An android app to nurture relationships created using Al powered bots with LLMs and Machine Learning algorithms to find meaningful matches. This is currently part of Venture Tech Lab CEC Conestoga College. Android, Al, LLMs, Machine Learning | Jan 2025

Fan Fight Club - An android repository that can be used to generate multiple apps by using python scripts. Fan Fight Club Messi vs Ronaldo was one such app out of around 10 that were created which garnered 2 lakh installs with more than 200 ratings averaged at 4.7/5 stars *Android*, *Python Scripts* | 2019 | Link

MMDB: My Movie Database - A social movie review android app created using TMDB api which allows users to create and share movie lists and allow users to comment, review, and like them *Android*, *TMDB API* | July 2020 | Link