# Omar M. Al-Ithawi

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# **Employment**

#### **Open edX Software Engineer**

#### Appsembler

September 2017 - Present

- Led 3 Open edX installations for customers from US, UK and Malaysia
- Developed and deployed Python OAuth backend for Azure Active Directory B2C

#### **Software Development Assoc Mgr**

**Queen Rania Foundation - Edraak** 

**June 2014 - September 2017** 

- Led the Open edX team to maintain the Edraak platform with automated testing and continuous integration
- Developed the world's first web-based Arabic math rendering library as a MathJax extension
- Helped to train 4 new engineers to get up and running with the edX platform stack
- Contributed to the growth of Edraak from 16k learners to 1.3M, through 200+ internal and 30+ open source pull requests

#### **Technical Team Leader**

#### Egra Tech, LLC

**April 2012 - June 2014** 

- Led the technical team to create the company's first working MVP -- HTML5 desktop app with AWS-hosted REST API
- Supervised 3-4 software engineers and improved the joel test score from 0 to 6

#### **Full Stack Engineer**

#### TipnTag, LLC

September 2011 - April 2012

- Developed 80% of both the front-end and back-end of the web application
- Designed and developed the REST API for mobile app

#### Sr. Web Application Engineer

**Semantic Intelligent Technologies** 

August 2009 - September 2011

- Developed mealadvisors.com which helped SIT to transition from marketing site development to web applications
- Trained a fresh software engineer on Zend Framework and related technologies to develop darebnity.com

#### **Education**

# Princess Sumaya University for Technology

Amman, Jordan

October 2011 - Aug 2015

G.P.A. 93.10%

MSc Information System Security and Digital Criminology

Thesis Title: Simple Access Control for postMessage API in Unmodified Browsers

# **Al-Ahliyya Amman University**

#### Amman, Jordan

October 2008 - June 2011

BSc in Computer Science

Top on class 2011

G.P.A. 92.3%

## **Technical Experience**

#### **Projects:**

- Edraak Marketing site (2015): Modern, responsive Django-based marketing site with edX platform integration.
- Right-to-Left UI for edX (2014): Added RTL support to edX (with other two contributors). Sass, Python, RTL.
- **Recitation Tutor** (2012 2014): Quran (Arabic) learning app, which uses speech recognition to evaluate users recitation. AngularJS, Node.js, and Bootstrap.
- **MealAdvisors.com** (2010): Social network for food and beverage where users can find and review restaurants and cafes. Zend Framework, Doctrine ORM, with single-page-app experience.
- TipnTag.com (2012): Local question and answers network. Zend Framework, MySQL, with django-like admin panel.

## **Languages and Technologies**

Python, Django, Open edX platform, MySQL, JavaScript, CSS, AngularJS, Bash, Git, AWS, Ansible, Docker