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Staff Software Engineer and open source contributor.

Employment (Add me LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/omarithawi/)

Staff Software Engineer

Appsembler - Boston, MA

September 2017 - Present

- Led the design and implementation of 6 new microservices and 10 python packages.
- Led the automated testing efforts in our Open Source Tahoe LMS from 0 to 47% coverage on a ~1M LOC Python
- I've written docs all over the place and set up processes to merge 8000 commits from the Open Source edX code
- Mentored 4 Software Engineers towards technical excellence (Ask me about them!).

Software Development Assoc Mgr

Queen Rania Foundation - Jordan

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
- Contributed to the growth of Edraak from 16k learners to 1.3M, through 200+ internal and 30+ open source pull requests

Technical Team Leader

Eqra Tech, LLC - Jordan

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

Senior Software Engineer

August 2009 - April 2012

- Led the TipnTag.com software engineering efforts @ TipnTag, LLC (2012)
- Trained a fresh software engineer on to lead darebnitv.com @ Semantic Intelligent Technologies (2011)
- Led the MealAdvisors.com a social network around food and restaurants @ Semantic Intelligent Technologies (2010)

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

Notable Projects:

- Configuration Service (2022): A configuration microservice with git-like history to allow customers configure, test and undo their changes.
- Arabic for MathJax (2014): An extension for MathJax to display Arabic mathematical equations in Arabic.
- 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 via speech recognition to evaluate users pronunciation...
- MealAdvisors.com (2010) and TipnTag (2012): Specialized social networks in which I've used Zend Framework,
 Doctrine ORM, with single-page-app experience, MySQL.

Languages and Technologies

Python, Django, Open edX platform, Postgres, MySQL, JavaScript, React, Git, GCP Cloud Computing Platform, Docker.