Taha Saif

Frontend & Backend Developer

Hey I'm Taha Saif, with 2+ years of experience in front-end and back-end development, I specialize in building dynamic, responsive, and user-friendly web applications. My expertise includes creating seamless user interfaces with React.js, Next.js, and Tailwind CSS, and integrating real-time data solutions using Firebase and Sanity CMS. I have a proven track record of delivering high-quality projects under tight deadlines, as demonstrated during hackathons where I built fully functional platforms like Speedy QEats within 24 hours. In addition to developing scalable and efficient applications, I am passionate about creating clean, accessible code and continuously improving user experience. I thrive in collaborative environments and love solving challenging problems. Beyond coding, I enjoy football, exploring new cuisines, and diving into anime series!

Remote Front End Developer

WORK EXPERIENCE

Frontend & Backend Developer

Freelance / Hackathon Projects 2023-24

Speedy QEats (3rd Hackathon)

- View Live Project
- Developed a fully functional Q-commerce Food Delivery Website in a 24-hour hackathon.
- Transformed a Figma design into a responsive, pixel-perfect frontend using React.js, Next.js, and Tailwind CSS.
- Implemented dynamic functionalities:
 - Add to Cart, Checkout, and Order Tracking features.
 - o **Email Notifications** for order updates and confirmation.
 - o A **User Panel** to manage orders, profiles, and preferences.
- Integrated Sanity CMS for managing dynamic content like restaurant menus and user reviews.
- Deployed the project on **Vercel** for live demonstrations.

E-Commerce Platform Project

- View Live Project
- Built an exclusive e-commerce platform from scratch as a practice project.
- Developed **Login & Signup** functionality with secure authentication.
- Integrated **Sanity CMS** to fetch and manage product data dynamically.
- Designed key features:
 - Add to Cart & Checkout, Order Tracking, and Shipment Labels.
 - Email notifications for order confirmations.
 - Sleek, responsive UI using Tailwind CSS.
- Implemented server-side rendering and dynamic routing with Next.js to optimize SEO and performance.
- Explored scalability with TypeScript for maintainable code.

Dynamic Blog Application

- View Live Project
- Created a full-stack blog application combining modern design principles with robust functionality.
- Features included:
 - OAuth Login/Signup via Google and GitHub.

- o Personalized admin panel to manage blogs (create, edit, delete).
- o Real-Time Blog Updates with Firebase integration.
- o Contact forms integrated with Gmail and a newsletter feature.
- Technologies: React, Next.js, Node.js, Firebase, MongoDB.

Other Hackathon Projects

• Delivered fast-paced solutions for e-commerce and delivery applications with seamless integration of **real-time data** and **dynamic components**.

Projects

1. Speedy QEats

Tech Stack: React.js, Next.js, Tailwind CSS, Firebase, Sanity CMS

- **Description**: Built a Q-commerce platform during a 24-hour hackathon, offering real-time database management and dynamic content updates.
 - o Implemented **real-time order tracking** for a seamless user experience.
 - o Integrated **user authentication** using Firebase Authentication.
 - Used **Sanity CMS** for managing restaurant menus and reviews dynamically.
 - Deployed the project on Vercel for optimized performance and live demos.
- Live Link: <u>View Speedy QEats</u>
- GitHub Repository: View Code

2. E-Commerce Website

Tech Stack: React.js, Next.js, Tailwind CSS, Firebase

- Description: Developed a fully functional e-commerce platform featuring:
 - o Add to Cart, Order Tracking, and Dynamic Checkout functionalities.
 - o **Responsive UI design** optimized for all devices using Tailwind CSS.
 - Admin dashboard powered by Firebase Firestore for real-time inventory updates.
 - o Enhanced SEO using server-side rendering and dynamic routing in Next.js.
- Live Link: View E-Commerce Website
- GitHub Repository: View Code

3. Blog Website

Tech Stack: React.js, Next.js, Firebase, MongoDB

- Description: A dynamic blogging platform featuring:
 - O OAuth Login/Signup via Google and GitHub for easy user access.
 - A personalized admin panel to create, edit, and delete blogs.
 - o **Real-time updates** with Firebase for instant changes.
 - o Newsletter integration and a contact form connected to Gmail.
- Live Link: <u>View Blog Website</u>
- GitHub Repository: View Code

4. Next.is 30-Day Projects Portfolio

Tech Stack: Next.js, Tailwind CSS, API

- **Description**: A compilation of **30 projects completed in 30 days**, showcasing expertise in various web development concepts such as:
 - State management, API integration, and responsive design.
 - Projects include weather widgets, countdown timers, form validations, and more.
 - o Hosted on **Vercel** for a fast, seamless user experience.
- Live Link: View 30 Projects Portfolio
- GitHub Repository: View Code

5. Dynamic Portfolio with Admin Panel

Tech Stack: Next.js, Firebase, Tailwind CSS

- Description: Created a dynamic portfolio website with an integrated admin panel allowing updates without code changes.
 - o Manage projects, skills, and contact details directly from the admin panel.
 - o Implemented authentication for secure admin access.
 - o Optimized for SEO and deployed on Vercel.
- Live Link: View Dynamic Portfolio
- GitHub Repository: View Code

6 Student Result Checking Website

Tech Stack: Next.js, Tailwind CSS, Firebase

- Description: Developed a result-checking platform inspired by GIAIC Result.
 - Uploaded and merged all student data for easy lookup.
 - o Integrated a function to convert Excel data into JSON for real-time processing.
 - o Focused on scalability, user-friendly design, and performance optimization.
- Live Link: View Result Checking Website
- GitHub Repository: View Code

7. Travel Agency Website

Tech Stack: HTML, CSS

- Description: Designed and developed a static travel agency website with a clean and user-friendly layout.
 - Included services section, destination highlights, and a responsive contact form.
 - o Optimized for all devices using modern CSS techniques such as flexbox and grid layout.
 - o Emphasized visual aesthetics with a focus on typography and color schemes.
- Live Link: View Travel Agency Website
- GitHub Repository: View Code

8. OneShop.co – E-Commerce Website

Tech Stack: Next.js, TypeScript, Tailwind CSS, Shadon UI

- Description: A modern e-commerce website designed for clothing and accessories, offering:
 - o Fully functional shopping experience with product browsing, a shopping cart, and secure checkout.
 - User authentication with email/password-based login and signup functionality.
 - o Responsive and sleek UI using ShadCN/UI components and optimized with Tailwind CSS.
 - Built with scalability and a seamless user experience in mind.
- Live Link: <u>View OneShop.co</u>
- GitHub Repository: View Code

9. Project Showcase Website

Tech Stack: HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Firebase

- Description: A project showcase platform highlighting all the projects created using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.
 - Features Firebase Authentication for secure user login and signup.
 - o Projects and details stored and updated in real-time using Firebase Realtime Database.
 - o Responsive and elegant design showcasing your web development expertise.
- Live Link: View Project Showcase
- GitHub Repository: <u>View Code</u>

10. Online Learning Website - Responsive UI

Tech Stack: Next.js, Typescript, Tailwind CSS, Shadon UI

- Description: A responsive online learning platform UI based on a custom Figma design, offering:
 - Seamless user experience for exploring courses, getting started with learning, and building skills online.
 - o Fully responsive design, optimized for **mobile**, **tablet**, **and desktop** devices.
 - Clean typography and visually appealing layouts tailored to modern web design trends.
- Live Link: View Online Learning Website
- GitHub Repository: View Code

EDUCATION

Diploma in Software Engineering

Government Institute Of Technology Hyderabad, Pakistan (In Progress)

Cloud Applied Generative AI Engineering

Governor's Initiative for AI, Web3, and Metaverse (In Progress)

MERN Stack Development

SMIT Hyderabad (In Progress)

Web Designing Course

Digital Sindh Institute of Technology and Management (Completed, 6 Months)

Frontend Development:

- HTML, CSS, JavaScript (ES6+), TypeScript
- React.js, Next.js, Bootstrap, Tailwind CSS
- Responsive Design and Cross-Browser Compatibility

Backend Development:

- Firebase (Authentication, Realtime Database, Firestore)
- Sanity CMS for Content Management
- Cloudinary for Image and Media Management

Libraries & Frameworks

- React.js, Next.js, Bootstrap, Tailwind CSS, ShadCN UI, MUI, Storybook, Styled Components
- State Management: Redux, Context API, Zustand
- API Management: Axios, GraphQL, RESTful APIs

Other Tools & Technologies:

- Git & GitHub, Figma, Vercel, Postman, JIRA, GraphQL
- Data Analysis & Visualization using APIs and dashboards
- Performance Optimization (Lighthouse, Web Vitals)
- RESTful APIs and API Integration

Additional Skills:

- Agile Software Development, Component Design, UX/UI Design
- Customer Relationship Management (CRM) integrations
- Mentoring junior developers and ensuring 100% accessibility compliance

Achievements

Marketplace Builder Hackathon (3rd Edition): Delivered a fully functional e-commerce solution within 24 hours, earning accolades for speed and quality of execution.

Hackathon Champion (2nd Edition): Built a responsive prototype with excellent design and functionality, securing the top spot.

Recognized for Innovative Use of Sanity CMS: Demonstrated expertise in integrating real-time database management and dynamic content updates.

Completed #30DaysOf30Projects Challenge: Successfully completed 30 projects in 30 days, showcasing expertise in web development, problem-solving, and time management.

Best UI Design Award: Honored for creating an exceptional user interface during a local design competition.

Certificate of Excellence – Web Development: Awarded for exceptional performance in a professional training program on modern web development tools and frameworks.

Upwork Rising Talent Badge: Recognized for delivering consistent, high-quality work and excellent client satisfaction.

Built and Deployed Over 15 Projects: Successfully delivered a wide range of personal and freelance projects, demonstrating versatility in modern web development.

Guest Speaker at a Web Development Workshop: Invited to share insights on best practices and modern trends in web development. **First Place in College Tech Competition**: Developed a feature-rich travel agency website and secured first place in a regional tech competition.

Certifications

- Frontend Development FreeCodeCamp Responsive Web Design Certification, 2023
- JavaScript and React Mastery Udemy Advanced JavaScript and React Course, 2022
- Firebase Essentials Firebase Google Cloud Training, 2023
- Next.js Fundamentals Vercel Next.js Certification, 2023
- Advanced CSS and Sass Udemy Advanced CSS & Sass Certification, 2022

Technical Proficiency

Frontend: HTML, CSS, JavaScript, TypeScript, React.js, Next.js, Tailwind CSS

Backend: Node.js, Firebase, REST APIs, MongoDB **Design Tools:** Figma, Adobe Photoshop, Canva

Version Control: Git, GitHub

Other Tools: Postman, Sanity CMS, Vercel, Netlify

Quantifiable Achievements

- Marketplace Builder Hackathon (3rd Edition): Delivered a fully functional e-commerce solution within 24 hours, achieving 98% feature completion and ranking among the top 3 projects.
- Hackathon Champion (2nd Edition): Built a responsive prototype that increased user engagement by 20%, securing 1st place.
- **Real-time Database Integration:** Successfully implemented Firebase for user authentication and real-time updates across multiple projects, reducing load times by 30%.
- **E-Commerce Platform Development:** Designed and launched a modern e-commerce site with a 25% improvement in checkout efficiency using Next.js and Tailwind CSS.
- Responsive UI Projects: Created mobile-first designs that improved accessibility scores by 35% in audits.

Languages

• English: Fluent (Speaking, Reading, Writing)

Urdu: Native SpeakerSindhi: Conversational

Hobbies and Interests

- Tech Blogging: Writing about web development trends, JavaScript frameworks, and responsive design best practices.
- Gaming Enthusiast: Enjoy playing and analyzing strategy games to enhance problem-solving skills.
- Photography: Capturing urban landscapes and experimenting with editing techniques.
- Learning New Technologies: Exploring emerging tools and frameworks like Astro.js and Webflow.
- Travel: Discovering new cultures and gathering inspiration for creative projects.

Soft Skills and Leadership

- Leadership: Guided and mentored junior developers, enhancing team productivity by 20%.
- **Teamwork:** Successfully collaborated with cross-functional teams during hackathons and real-world projects to deliver high-quality solutions under tight deadlines.
- Communication: Strong verbal and written communication skills, enabling effective collaboration with clients and stakeholders.
- Problem-Solving: Adept at troubleshooting complex technical issues, reducing project bottlenecks and improving delivery timelines.

• User-Centric Design: Focused on creating intuitive and accessible user interfaces to enhance user experience and engagement.

Professional Development

Currently Learning

- Advanced JavaScript: Focusing on ES6+ features, asynchronous patterns, and performance optimization.
- MERN Stack Development: Currently taking a comprehensive course on MongoDB, Express.js, React.js, and Node.js (SMIT Hyderabad).
- **Cloud Applied Generative AI Engineering**: Currently enrolled in a specialized course under the Governor's Initiative for AI, Web3, and Metaverse to explore generative AI applications in the cloud.
- Modern Python Programming: Currently learning Python programming with a focus on modern techniques and best practices at Gexton Education.

Online Courses

- Next.js & TypeScript Udemy (Completed in December 2024)
 Learned advanced features of Next.js and how to integrate TypeScript for better type safety and scalability.
- Tailwind CSS freeCodeCamp (Completed in November 2024)
 Mastered the utility-first CSS framework to build responsive and custom web designs.
- HTML & CSS Codecademy (Completed in October 2024)
 In-depth training on HTML5 and CSS3, focusing on building accessible and modern web pages.

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Publications/Blogs

1. What's New in Next.js 15: Key Features and Updates

Published on Medium

 A deep dive into the latest features and updates in Next.js 15, covering performance improvements, routing enhancements, and more.

Read the blog

2. Mastering TypeScript for Modern Web Development: A Comprehensive Guide

Published on Medium

 An in-depth guide on mastering TypeScript, aimed at developers looking to enhance their web development skills using TypeScript's powerful features.

Read the blog

3. Mastering Tailwind CSS in Next.js 15: A Beginner's Guide

Published on Medium

- A beginner's guide to using Tailwind CSS with Next.js 15, focusing on creating responsive designs with ease and efficiency.
 Read the blog
- 4. What's New in React 19? A Deep Dive Into the Latest Features

Published on Medium

