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EDUCATION

2024 - Present	KELLOGG SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT MCCORMICK SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY <i>Candidate for Joint Degree: MBA, Artificial Intelligence, December 2025</i>	Evanston, IL
2018 - 2022	AALTO UNIVERSITY <i>Master of Computer Science</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Major: Web Technologies, Applications, and Science - GPA: 3.45/5.0Member: Startup Sauna - Computer Science Guild - Iranian Association Music Group (Pianist)	Espoo, Finland
2014 - 2018	UNIVERSITY OF TABRIZ <i>Bachelor of Computer Engineering</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Major: Information Technology - GPA: 4.0/4.0Leadership Positions: Director of the Game Dev Laboratory - Organizer of Annual Game Dev Conference	Tabriz, Iran

EXPERIENCE

2021 - Present	QUICKSAVE INTERACTIVE <i>Senior Tools Engineer</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Implemented and maintained Quicksave's core technological infrastructure and tools, widely utilized not only in QS's other game releases but also by partnering companiesConducted regular surveys and analyzed feedback from internal developers and partner companies to tailor QS's tools with advanced features, streamlining workflow for increased efficiency without compromising on qualityExtended principles explored in master's thesis at Aalto University, focusing on novel automation tools to reduce product prototyping costs, driving innovation and efficiency in development process	Helsinki, Finland
2021 - Present	EMERALD INTERACTIVE GAMES <i>Founder & Product Manager</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Founded Emerald Interactive with personal savings to produce quality educational video games for students of all grades and to help talented developers find freelance projects and increase regular income by 80%Led launch of three engaging games on Legends of Learning platform, resulting in over 330 hours of gameplay, 4050 assignments, and an impressive average teacher rating of 4.23/5.0	Espoo, Finland
2016 - 2022	VOID GAMES <i>Co-Founder & CTO</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Co-founded VOiD Games and led its engineering team in development of Pursuit of Redemption, a captivating PC game launched on Steam in February 2022Developed a cutting-edge analytics system utilizing data mining techniques, resulting in a remarkable 40% increase in players' average game sessions and saving team \$150K in third-party service costsOrchestrated a collaborative network of skilled developers, uniting two digital artists from the Art University of Tabriz and four engineers from the University of Tabriz, leading to significant cost savings in talent acquisition	Tabriz, Iran
2019 - 2021	PAF <i>Software Engineer</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Formulated and rigorously tested a cost-effective tool, accelerating game studio's idea-to-production process, resulting in reduced game prototyping costs and enhanced efficiency of two game development teamsCollaborated with other engineers to migrate company's technical infrastructure to Pay-Per-Use (PPU) solutions, thus decreasing operation costs by 20%Directed technical development of the "Double Joker Slot" project, generating more than \$2M in gross revenue	Helsinki, Finland

ADDITIONAL DATA

- Community Involvement: Admin of a group of 400 Iranian students in Finland, answering queries and organizing cultural events to foster a supportive community
- Activities: Expert Table Tennis Player - Aspiring Pianist - Bachata dancer
- Languages: Persian - English
- Honors: Innovative Interactive Art Award of East Azerbaijan Province - Helsinki Youth Table Tennis Bronze Medalist