Ammar Khawaja

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EDUCATION

LUMS Lahore, PK 2016 - 2020

B.S Computer Science; GPA: 3.28

Relevant Courses: Distributed Systems, Software Engineering, Advanced Programming, HCI (UI/UX), Data Structures, Algorithms, Network-Centric Programming, Network Security

Experience

Fullstack Software Engineer (Javascript)

Sep 2020 - July 2023

Quality Group

- Part of the core team responsible for engineering and developing the express is (node is) server meant to replace the legacy Oracle server for management and planning of the company's internal operations
- Developed the system in modules ensuring the original SQL database and new REST API calls work as intended, including making most of the controllers and models in node.js
- Remodeled the schema of the SQL DB to 3NF and updated the queries in the codebase resulting in up to 1.5X performance boost
- Designed standardized UI/UX using React for system's frontend after extensive Usability testing
- Designed tests for Frontend, API calls and DB using Jest.js

Computer Science Teaching Assistant

Aug 2018 – Dec 2019

LUMS University

- Engineered CMS website for university society using MERN stack for event planning and management
- Taught beginner and intermediate level CS courses to students in C++
- Conducted Labs, tests and office hours

Projects

Chatting App | MERN Stack, Socket.IO, JWT Auth, REST API

Mar 2023 – June 2023

- Developed a full-stack web application using express is serving REST APIs with React and tailwindcss + daisyUI as the frontend
- Authorization and authentication done using JSON web tokens (JWT) for secure sessions
- Implemented Real-time communication between clients using Socket.IO
- Client information and messages stored in MongoDB instance for faster reads

Peer-to-peer file sharing | Python, sockets

Dec 2019 – Mar 2020

- Engineered a Chord-like p2p node for sharing files with other nodes on request
- Implemented Finger tables for O(log N) lookup time
- "Stabilization" stage and file redundancy implemented to minimize risk of file loss

Technical Skills

Languages: Javascript/Typescript, Python, Golang, C/C++, SQL (Postgres/MySQL), HTML/CSS

Frameworks: React.js, Node.js, Django, Express.js, Next.js, Astro

Developer Tools: Git, Linux, SSH, VS Code, Lighthouse

Libraries: Websockets, JWT