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TALHA SHEIKH

SOFTWARE ENGINEER

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Software Engineer with over 3 years of experience in designing, building, and maintaining robust platforms. Demonstrates strong leadership and effective communication, fostering a collaborative environment for team growth and project success. Passionate about leveraging technical skills to innovate and drive impactful solutions in the tech industry.

SKILLS

Full stack development
Project research, scoping, design and management
Estate maintenance
Out of hours support and firefighting
Investigation and documentation
Agile and scrum
Leadership and line management
Stakeholder communication
Third party integration
UI / UX design

TECH STACK

Java (SpringBoot)
JavaScript (React)
HTML & CSS
ColdFusion
Handlebars
Python
Swift
SQL
ElasticSearch
Nginx

TOOLS

IntelliJ
VSCode
Xcode
Terminal & Virtual Machines
Docker & Podman
Jenkins & GoCD
Jira & Confluence
Google Tag Manager

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

SEP 2021 - PRESENT

Software Engineer, The Hut Group, Manchester

- Design, build, deploy, and maintain the Preloved platform in an agile team, ensuring stability and uptime. Led the development of the 'Boost' membership tier, integrating components with ColdFusion, React, and Handlebars. Streamlined newsletter sign-ups by automating the process with Java 21, SpringBoot, and SendGrid.
- Resolve out-of-hours issues swiftly, maintaining high platform availability. Tackled critical ElasticSearch issues related to false positive archived ads and managed seamless migrations, including the transition from CentOS 7 to Rocky 9 and from GitLab to GitHub.
- Mentor and manage junior engineers, fostering a collaborative environment that promotes continuous learning and development. Guided the tech stack migration of frontend components from Java, Handlebars, and Vanilla JavaScript to React and Node.js, and provided support to junior engineers and contractors for successful project delivery.
- Handle modern and legacy tech stacks, ensuring seamless integration and functionality. Oversaw integrations across various tech stacks, including Yoti ID verification with ColdFusion, and ensured compatibility of GitHub repositories with GoCD following migration from GitLab.
- Achieved measurable improvements in product management and team efficiency through various projects. Optimised Preloved search functionality with ElasticSearch and SpringBoot, enhancing user engagement by nearly 40%, and boosted display ad revenue by integrating Ezoic as a proxy.
- Eager to learn and dedicated to hard work, consistently meeting deadlines with a positive attitude and strong work ethic. Enhanced Preloved's documentation with Confluence and improved ticket creation processes in Jira, resulting in better clarity and efficiency across teams.
- Coordinate with cross-functional teams to enhance platform features, boosting user engagement and satisfaction. Collaborated on projects such as the Bidex integration for Endura's German site, ensuring full functionality and adaptability for future expansions.

JUN 2017 - AUG 2018

Customer Sales Advisor, Iceberg Supplements, Blackburn

- Researched and promoted health supplements, boosting customer product knowledge.
- Enhanced sales through effective product recommendations, improving customer satisfaction.
- Efficiently managed transactions and customer interactions as a trained cashier.
- Maintained inventory accuracy and timely restocking by overseeing stock and deliveries.

DEC 2017 - FEB 2018

Brand Ambassador, Rigger, POD Staffing, Newcastle

- Led setup for the Coca-Cola Christmas truck tour, ensuring smooth event starts.
- Collaborated with teams to efficiently manage daily event logistics across multiple locations.
- Worked closely with team members to deliver seamless event experiences, enhancing brand presence and customer satisfaction.

JUN 2016 - SEP 2016

Graphic Designer, Self-employed

- Designed logos, leaflets, and menus using the Adobe Creative Suite and Corel Painter.
- Efficiently managed multiple design projects, ensuring timely delivery.
- Improved design quality through iterative feedback and revisions.

EDUCATION

2017 - 2021

MComp Computer Science - First Class Honours, Newcastle University

2015 - 2017

A Levels: Computer Science, Mathematics & Graphic Design, Cardinal Newman College