Ali Zahid

Tech Lead · Product Developer · Full-stack Engineer

I started my journey when I was eight years old. Over the years, I've worked with cutting-edge tech and methods on exciting projects to bring value to the products I work on and the people I work with.

My favorite accomplishment is when I slashed the monthly cost for a popular WordPress blog from $3,000 to $200 by rebuilding with Node.js and Ember.js.

Experience

AYM 2017 → 2020

A subsidiary of Danube Online, one of the largest online grocers in Saudi Arabia

Tech lead 2019 → 2020

- Requirement gathering with stakeholders, sprint planning, and project management for the next generations of our products
- Managed hiring, training, retention, and did code reviews for my team of 9 people
- 3 of my team members went on to lead their teams; one of them at a junior VP level

Backend lead 2018 → 2019

- Designed the architecture and built the backend for a loyalty program for a major consumer brand
- Scaled to over 5 million monthly active users in 8 markets with close to 0% error rate
- Hired and managed a team of 4 remote and two on-site developers

Full-stack engineer 2017 → 2018

- Built operations and fulfillment tech for the largest chain of supermarkets in Saudi Arabia
- Created a suite of apps for warehouse workers, drivers, supervisors, and managers
- Increased operational capability and efficiency by 10,000%

JadoPado 2016 → 2017

A premium marketplace which got acquired by Noon in 2017

Full-stack engineer

- Localized our flagship React Native app into Arabic, including right-to-left layouts, animations, and iconography
- Designed the strategy and wrote codemods to prepare the existing codebase to support localization
- Contributed to the open-source React Native ecosystem with RTL improvements

Pixel Twist 2015 → 2016

A digital design house

- Built mobile and web products for several clients

TallyMarks / Soltius 2013 → 2015

An enterprise consultancy and services company

- Built mobile products for large enterprises and government organizations with SAP Mobility
- Hired and managed a small team of 3 developers

Skills

Core

Full-stack development, architecture design, solutions design, product design, user interface design, open-source, team management, leadership

Frontend

React, React Native, Next.js, Ember.js, Tailwind CSS, SASS

Backend

Node.js, Apollo, Fastify, Express, REST, GraphQL, microservices, serverless

Languages

TypeScript, JavaScript, Ruby on Rails

Data

Databases FaunaDB, MongoDB, PostgreSQL

Frameworks GraphQL, Prisma

Services Algolia, Segment, Braze

Services

Platforms Heroku, Render, Vercel

Amazon Web Services S3, SQS, RDS, EC2, Lambda, CloudFront, Route 53

Google Cloud Platform Firebase, Firestore, Functions, Scheduler, SQL

Microsoft Azure Azure DevOps, API Gateway, App Service, Functions, Cosmos DB, Service Bus, Application Insights

Education

SZABIST   2009 → 2013

Bachelor of Computer Science in Software Engineering

Dropped out

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