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I am a fullstack software engineer looking to carve out a career for myself in this dynamic industry. Earning a BSc in Engineering & Business at Warwick University allowed me to acquire and hone a wide range of skills and garnered in me a renewed appreciation for the way software and technology drive development across the wider industrial and sectoral landscape. Upon graduation, I joined Makers Academy, where I learned how to craft clean, well tested software while pair programming and working in an agile manner. This ultimately lead me to work in one of the best SaaS companies in the MENA region, BoundlessHR, where I introduced TDD and other industry leading methodologies as part of the stack. I am now undertaking the next challenge in my career as a postgraduate student, where I will be focusing on supplementing my experience in the industry with the academic offerings at UCL.

My varied experience, both academic and non-academic have made me highly adaptable and a quick learner that keenly tackles new challenges and opportunities.

EDUCATION

University College London (UCL)	Makers Academy	Warwick University	New English School
MSc Computer Science	Software Development	BSc (Hons) Engineering & Business Studies (2:1)	A Levels: 3A, 1B IGCSE: 5A*, 2A, 1B
2017-2018	2015	2012-15	1998-2010

TECHNICAL SKILLS

	Proficient	Some Exposure/ Learning
Languages	Ruby, Javascript, jQuery, HTML, CSS, Haml, SASS	Elixir, ES6, Java, Miranda
Frameworks	Sinatra, Ruby on Rails, Angular.js, Backbone, Ionic	Angular2, Phoenix, Node
Databases	PostgreSQL, Datamapper, ActiveRecord, Redis, Elastic	Firebase, MongoDB
Testing	RSpec, Capybara, Jasmine, Karma, Protractor	Cucumber, Mocha, Chai
Other	vim, tmux, ssh, git, Heroku, Travis CI, Hound, Coveralls, inVision	

EXPERIENCE

Software Developer, BoundlessHR, Jordan April 2016 - August 2017

- Worked on the MENA region's number 1 job site, [Akhtaboot](#); [Cavall](#), an Application Tracking system; [ZenHR](#), an HRMS with Payroll; [Testello](#), applicant testing platform; [CareerConnect](#), a white-labeled career section
- Authored an [internal playbook](#) that is being used by the entire engineering team and provided training to the junior developers and new hires
- Built the Akhtaboot mobile application using Ionic.js and the API using Ruby on Rails in addition to releasing it to the [AppStore](#) and [PlayStore](#)
- Developed [ZenHR](#) with full ownership of the payroll, employee benefits and leave management modules
- Other technologies used: JRuby, PostgreSQL, Redis, Elastic, nginx, Docker, Vagrant, Capistrano, Puppet, Backbone.js, AngularJS, jQuery, Bootstrap, HTML5, CSS3, Sass, git, Github, vim, tmux, RSpec, Capybara

Lead Instructor, warwickCoding, UK October 2015 - March 2016

- Collaborated with fellow senior members in devising the expansion strategy of the society whose membership quadrupled in a few months
- Designed the syllabus for the [frontend](#) and [backend](#) courses; using HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Ruby, the command line, and git
- Built the website and payment portal for [warwickcoding.com](#) using Sinatra and Stripe Payment API; which was [open sourced](#) along with courses

Intellectual Property Intern, Trimark, Jordan

July - September 2013

- Assisted a founding partner in patent, copyright, and trademark filings and liaised with senior representatives from the Trade Ministry and IP Law court
- Gained exposure to the approval criteria for proprietary software protection

Finance Intern, Injaz Al Arab, Jordan

July - September 2012

- Analysed employee expenditure for 10 offices; drafted a recommendations report which was presented to a panel of managing directors

PROJECTS & EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

CLUSTR.IO

September 2014 - April 2016

- Co founded a startup focused on developing software solutions that improve and enhance collaboration and communication between educators and students in higher education
- Tested a visual prototype on Warwick University professors and student focus groups
- Received university endorsement through the Graduate Entrepreneur Programme after a 3 round selection process

Arabic Society, Warwick University

2013-15

- Unanimously elected to be the president of the 200 member society in my final year.
- Elected as the Social Executive in my penultimate year
- Involved in the successful re-launch and re-branding of the society, whose membership increased more than 10 fold with a marked improvement in diversity and inter-society collaborative events; examples include an event held in conjunction with Warwick Finance Societies and the Jewish Society

Orientation Week, Warwick University

2012-14

- Volunteered yearly to help set the schedule for and smoothly execute a 1 week orientation for over 1000 international students
- Selected as Leader in '13 and '14; responsible for managing and delegating tasks to my team of 7

Association for the Mentally Challenged, Jordan

Jun-Aug '14

- Gave 4 lessons a week as a licensed horse riding instructor to mentally challenged people aged 6-18

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages: English (*fluent*), Arabic (*fluent*), French (*conversational*)

Hobbies: Accomplished show jumper with over 20 medals, amateur squash & basketball player, occasional climber. Reader of HackerNews, WIRED, DesignerNews, Bloomberg Technology and other blogs. I love collecting laptop stickers.