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Objective

My ultimate passion is solving real world problems by building awesome products.

Experience

2020 - current

Developer Advocate. [Benevity Inc.](#)

Helped build the foundations for the company newest product offering (donations & cause search APIs). Working with product & sales to:

- Define the scope and ensure the quality of content on the company's developer portal which reduced the amount of incoming support requests by 30%
- Evangelize the API product mission within the company by doing companywide presentations
- Run user testing sessions to ensure the viability of new endpoints
- Enable internal teams to contribute to the API suite and the developer portal

2020

Software Developer II, Payments. [Benevity Inc.](#)

Working on ensuring the security & reliability of the company's payment methods and donation forms that handle +1B USD of donation volume every year. Designed, and successfully championed a new service to scale our capacity without the need to re-write legacy services which:

- Eliminated the need for scheduled maintenance raising the uptime of the service to 99.9999%
- Enhancing the developer experience of the donation APIs resulting in >50% reduction of time required to implement a donation form.

2018 - 2020

Software Developer II, Mobile. [Benevity Inc.](#)

Working on native mobile apps (iOS) & microservices while effectively applying the concepts of Extreme programming to deliver Enterprise quality software used by fortune 500 clients.

- Fully developed and maintained the home screen of the app
- Established UI Testing patterns for the application

2018 - 2021

Part-time Mentor [Lighthouse Labs Web Development Bootcamp.](#)

Mentor for the Web Development Bootcamp, I was available for the students as a senior developer to provide mentorship, hold code reviews and mock tech interviews.

2016-2020

Freelance Work - www.mazenalwafai.com

Handling multiple projects for startups and small companies. Defining POCs organizing and contracting additional developers for work as required. Full portfolio available on my website

- [RankBear](#)
Designed and helped develop the backend services for the plugin

2015 - 2016

Co-Founder & CTO AT BLITZ

Co-founder and CTO of a gaming services startup BLITZ, an application that allows gamers to set achievements inside games. I was in charge of defining the product vision, critical technical decision, & managing the Development team.

2014 - 2015

Microsoft Student Partner

I was responsible of representing Microsoft by holding hackathons and providing technical guidance at both the university of Balamand & the governance of north Lebanon.

Skills

Technical	Distributed systems architecture design, TDD, Technical Writing, Mentoring, Cloud architecture (AWS & AZURE)
Human-Languages	English (Fluent) - Arabic (Mother tongue) - French (Intermediate)
Administrative	Leadership skills, public speaking, Agile Framework

Awards & Competitions

2015	Microsoft's IMAGINE CUP – Middle East & North Africa Finalist <i>Took part and was the runner up, in Microsoft's Imagine Cup. Developed a system that uses face matching and recognition to Identify and locate missing people</i>
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Education

2015	UNIVERSITY OF BALAMAND - KOURA CAMPUS, LEBANON BS in Computer Sciences (Software Engineering) <i>Focusing on developing high-end, efficient systems and applications by applying the System Development Life Cycle.</i>
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Programing Languages & Frameworks

Languages	JavaScript, PHP, Java, Swift, Kotlin
Frameworks	Node, Angular, Laravel, Spring, Cocoa (iOS), Android

Volunteering

2018	Guest Speaker @ Discover Tectoria, NEWCOMERS TO VICTORIA'S TECH SECTOR
2012-2017	Volunteer @ the Lebanese Red Cross, Youth Department