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Profile

Passionate about technology, have a Startup Spirit, always willing to learn new skills, in love with what I do, and the people around me consider me a perfectionist, but I still have a lot to learn and do till I can achieve this stage. I have been working in the web industry for more than 10y, and I always had pride in what I did, and I should be careful how I present it.

Recent Work History

Technical Lead, Klassapps Inc, US

Aug 1st, 2017 - June 30th, 2018

My responsibilities included working on the enterprise solutions for the company. In particular:

- Write, modify and test code for the PHP based Microservices using Lumen 5.5, Including a Messaging Microservice, Upload Microservice, and implementing an Augmented Reality Microservice.
- Work with the team to build the Clients portal using Laravel 5.5, and implement the designed UI.
- Build the Laravel Package which used in the portal to simplify the way we talk to the Microservices and make it more familiar to Laravel developers.
- Build the first version of the Emergency Alert Microservice which utilized Twilio SMS & Pilot services.
- Work with the DevOps team to change Klassapp infrastructure to more straightforward and flexible design.

Lead Web Developer, Klassapps Inc, US

Nov 1st, 2015 - Jul 31st, 2017

I've carried on working on the Klassapp project. In particular, I've:

- Worked on the new enhanced version of Digital Document and Tasks, to expand the use cases for it, to include the ability for the staff/other participants to fill more than just a signature, and for the Students to be able to use the web to fill the forms and not just the mobile app. This enhancement included the usage of jQuery, PouchDB, PHP, and NodeJs.
- Worked with the mobile application team to implement Video Chat capability within the portal utilizing Opentok web service.
- Worked with a team of developers to plan & develop the first version of KlassDocs web application, which enables the clients to build an online form and then process the submission to create a student profile within the client Klassapp account.
- Sometimes I had to work/debug NodeJs code to either add new features or fix a bug in our API code.
- Setup Kong API management server in-front of our API servers to ease the load and have a better way to distribute the requests.

- Maintained the linux servers and the infrastructure to make sure our system stays online and perform correctly.

Lead Web Developer, Topsy and Tumbler Limited, UK

June 1st, 2013 - Oct 31st, 2015

My primary responsibility was to work on the Klassapp Project, where I was primarily responsible for working on the development of the online web portal for our client, Klassapp, using Laravel 4. In particular, I've:

- Built the first version of the Portal using Laravel and parse.com as the data store backend, this version included many features, not limited to: internal messaging, news and student/staff management.
- Built the Digital Documents module for the Portal. This feature which allow the clients to upload a PDF file and then layout the fields on top of it (drag and drop) to create a fillable online forms that can be used internally, also extract those fields via the NodeJS API to be consumed by the Mobile app, then process the submission to generate a new PDF file containing all the submitted data on top of the original PDF file. This feature was built using jQuery, PHP, and NodeJs.
- Built the Laravel 4 Packages for the second version of the portal to simplify the way we communicate with our API endpoint.
- Maintained our Linux servers which host our PHP and NodeJS code.

For a complete list of my work history please check my [Linkedin Profile](#).

Personal Projects

- **Crypto price telegram bot v0.7:** This is a small chatbot that utilizes [Wit.ai](#) platform and [Crypto Compare](#) API to provide the user with information about the price of any cryptocurrency he is interested in, it was built using [Botman](#) framework and use semi conversational way to communicate back with the user. The infrastructure built using Docker, Docker Swarm and [Traefik](#) reverse proxy, with auto deploy functionality using Bitbucket pipelines.

Education

- Syrian Virtual University, Damascus, Syria — Bachelor of Information Technology, 2008.
- Syrian Virtual University, Damascus, Syria — Higher National Diploma in Computing and Business Applications, 2006.
- Damascus University, Damascus, Syria — Certificate of Assistant Licentiate in Information Technology and Business, 2003.

Skills

- Self-motivated to learn about the new technologies.
- Ability to work within a busy Startup environment (I had my own experience).

- Ability to use PHP programming language to implement effective solutions.
- Ability to plan, design, and implement web application content and features.
- Familiar with source control (Git).
- Ability to use modern development tools, such as PHPStorm and Docker.
- Highly organized, detail oriented.

Experience with

- LNMP Development Stack (Linux(Ubuntu), Nginx, MySQL, PHP), and nowadays I use this experience to build and maintain Docker images.
- Git Source Control and best practices (Branching etc.).
- PHP 5, OOP, MVC, REST.
- Laravel/Lumen Framework, I have been using Laravel since the day version 4 comes out in 2013.
- Symfony Framework (mostly to build CLI applications), I've used it to create projects like image-resizer, database-backup and delete-tweets.
- Unit tests, and PHPUnit (pleasant experience).
- SQL database experience: MySQL, MariaDB.

Languages

- **Arabic:** My mother language.

SPEAKING	WRITING	LISTENING	READING	OVERALL
7.5	6.5	7.5	8.5	7.5

- **English:** My recent IELTS score (dated 10/2/2018) is:

Publishing

- **Building Web Applications Using Parse REST API:**
Self-published 2015/01/07, In this book I've illustrated how to use Parse.com as the database backend, by creating a simple blog with posts and comments.
<https://leanpub.com/building-web-applications-using-parse-rest-api>

References

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