Ali Zahid

Tech Lead · Product Developer · Full-stack Engineer

I started my journey when I was 8 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

NockNock June 2022 → March 2023   Remote

P2P marketplace for event spaces

Tech lead

- Architected and built the mobile app
- Using TypeScript, React, React Native, Expo, tRPC, Next.js, Tailwind CSS, PlanetScale

Blacklane June 2021 → Jun 2022   Berlin

A premium car booking service

Tech lead   Jan 2022 → present

- Building the next generation of their web stack with a focus on performance and accessbility
- Hiring and development for my team of 6
- Using TypeScript, Node.js, GraphQL, React, Next.js, Tailwind CSS, Turborepo, Storybook

Senior full-stack engineer   Jun 21 → Jan 22

- Working on the booking funnel for their web app
- Maintaining the internal design system that powers their web experience
- Using TypeScript, Node.js, GraphQL, React, Next.js, CSS

Wukla May 2020 → present   Remote

Electronic signature startup

Cofounder

- Building the next generation of their electronic document signing and payment collection platform
- Using TypeScript, Node.js, GraphQL, Prisma, React, Next.js, TailwindCSS, Stripe

AYM June 2017 → February 2020   Dubai

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 2 on-site developers

Full-stack engineer   2017 → 2018

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

Experience

JadoPado   October 2016 → February 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   Dec 2015 → Oct 2016

A digital design house

- Built mobile and web products for several clients

TallyMarks / Soltius   Aug 2013 → Nov 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, Solid.js, Ember.js, Tailwind CSS, SASS

Backend

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

Languages

TypeScript, JavaScript, Ruby on Rails

Data

Databases FaunaDB, MongoDB, PostgreSQL, MySQL

Frameworks GraphQL, Prisma

Services Algolia, Segment, Braze, PlanetScale, Supabase, Expo, Neon, Atlas

Services

Platforms Heroku, Render, Vercel

Amazon Web Services S3, SQS, Lambda

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

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

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