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# Jaafar Al Rifai

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Full-Stack Engineer & AI Developer specializing in building scalable applications with integrated machine learning solutions, optimizing system performance, and creating intelligent user experiences.

# **Work Experience**

### Backend Developer Intern

### **Wish Money**

**Summer 2025** 

Beirut, Lebanon

- Developed and maintained robust backend services using Node.js and Python, contributing to the core payment processing infrastructure.
- Assisted in the design and optimization of RESTful APIs, improving data exchange efficiency between internal systems and third-party services.
- Participated in database management tasks, including writing optimized SQL queries and contributing to schema design for financial data.
- Supported the integration of financial service providers and security protocols to enhance platform reliability and data protection.

Web Developer Al Hayat Toys 2023-2024

Baalback, Lebanon

- Designed and launched a high-performance e-commerce platform using React, Node.js, and MongoDB, leading to a 30% increase in user engagement.
- Enhanced front-end performance by reducing load times by 40% through server-side rendering (SSR), lazy loading, and strategic code splitting.
- Built a robust and scalable back-end architecture with Express and GraphQL, enabling real-time inventory management.
- Implemented secure authentication workflows using JWT and OAuth2, and integrated third-party services including Stripe for payments and AWS S3 for asset storage.

#### Software Developer Intern

The Lebanese Organization for Studies and Training

Summer 2022

Baalback, Lebanon

- Developed and optimized internal web tools, enhancing operational efficiency.
- Assisted in database management and API integrations, improving data accessibility.
- Collaborated with teams to enhance platform security and user experience.

# **Technologies and Languages**

- AI & ML: Machine Learning, Deep Learning, LLMs, Generative AI, NLP
- Programming Languages: Java, JavaScript (ES6+), TypeScript, PHP, Python
- Frontend Technologies: React, React Native, HTML5, CSS3, Bootstrap, jQuery
- Backend Technologies: Node.js, Express, Laravel, REST APIs, GraphQL, WebSockets
- Databases: PostgreSQL, MySQL, MongoDB
- Version Control & Collaboration: Git, GitHub, Agile/Scrum
- Security & Authentication: JWT, OAuth2

### **Education and Certifications**

• B.Sc. Computer Science | University of Cnam, France

2022-2024

# **Projects and Volunteer Work**

- <u>Salameh Tools</u> Developed a high-performance e-commerce platform for Salameh Company, integrating secure user authentication, an advanced administrative dashboard, and a seamless customer shopping experience. Built with a modern tech stack to ensure scalability, security, and maintainability.
- <u>Al Project</u> Developed solutions in machine learning, deep learning, large language models (LLMs), and generative AI, with applications in data analysis, NLP, and predictive analytics.
- <u>Verveum</u> Developed an immersive virtual museum platform featuring interactive 3D galleries, audio guides, and educational timelines. Built with Three.js, HTML5, CSS3, and JavaScript for a rich cross-device experience.
- <u>LED Zone</u> Built a dynamic website showcasing LED products with real-time updates through API integrations. Utilized HTML, CSS, PHP, and JavaScript to deliver an interactive and responsive experience.
- <u>SnapVista</u> Developed a mobile application for capturing and sharing high-quality photos, integrating real-time API data to deliver dynamic content and a seamless user experience. Built with React Native and RESTful APIs, the app ensures fast, responsive, and secure interactions across iOS and Android platforms.

### **Other Sections**

#### **Certifications and Courses:**

- Machine Learning, Deep Learning, LLM & Generative AI zakker.ai (2025)
- Master Node.js & Deno.js Udemy (2024)
- React The Complete Guide (incl. Hooks, React Router, Redux) Udemy (2024)
- React Native The Complete Guide Udemy (2024)

- Management Leadership Skills Certified (2023)
- Mobile Application and Technology Certified (2023)
- CCNA7: ITN Cisco Certified (2022)
- Python Programming Course Udemy (2022)

## **Interests**

 Software architecture, system scalability, emerging technologies, performance optimization, innovative development approaches, and continuous learning in cutting-edge technological advancements.