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Founder & CEO of BambooGeeks, Mckinsey & Company Alumna, Google Developer Expert and WomenTechmakers Ambassador



Summary

- An international speaker and trainer, digital analyst and software engineer with a passion for technology, automation, customer satisfaction, training and youth empowerment.
- Currently the **founder and CEO of BambooGeeks** with an aim to support Governments and Corporations in creating & up-skilling local Tech talents relevant to the market. By tailored training programs on the latest technologies (Machine Learning, IoT, Cloud, Application Development...), cutting edge methodologies (Agile development, DevSecOps, Design thinking, Entrepreneurship...), and top development and productivity tools (Jira, Fabric, automation...) to empower and equip young programmers with needed technical and soft skills to launch a professional career in the technical field.
- An active public speaker in technology, product strategy, women empowerment, and a humanitarian activist.
- Has a Masters (2012) in Computer Science -System Architecture from “Le CNAM University”.
- Recognized by Google as a Google Developer Expert, and WomenTechmakers Ambassador.
- The founder and Lead of the first Google Developers Group in Lebanon and Dubai.



Experience

2016-05 - present

Founder, CEO

BambooGeeks

Developed the long and short term strategies and tactics for growth and sustainability along the brand.

Developed and deliver the technical training curriculum and select the technologies and tools to be adopted for the training.

Developed and deliver the interactive sessions and personal development workshops.

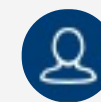
2018-04 - 2020-05

Senior Digital Analyst

Mckinsey & Company

Led digital transformation initiatives in government entities and banks across the Middle East and North Africa Region:

- Working with a Government entity in Dubai, trained multiple Agile coaches on Agile methodologies to lead their entity's digital transformation
- Working with a Government entity in Dubai, led the transformation of the procurement team to Agile methodologies
- Working with a Government entity in Abu Dhabi, led multiple teams of developers and designers to develop and deliver a platform using Big Data to assess different entity's performance
- Working with a Government entity in Dubai, led a massive digital transformation across all government entities to digitize services adapting



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Languages

Arabic



Native or bilingual proficiency

English



Full professional proficiency

French



Limited working proficiency

- the Agile methodologies for a scalable and sustainable development
- Trained technical teams to adopt the agile methodologies
 - Trained non-technical teams to transform their processes and implement agility
 - Identified and trained several batches of Agile Coaches to support internal digital transformations in Government entities
 - Working with a major bank in Kuwait, trained the tech leads on integrating DevOps and Agile methodologies to scale their development efforts

(Details of the project and client are classified, can be discussed in person)

2017-03 -
2017-12

● **Innovation Consultant**

UNICEF

Focused on automating processes of data collection, and data analysis of different sections across local UNICEF office, and the entire MENA region offices.

Worked closely with county officers from different countries.

Field visits to monitor the processes and to gather feedback regarding youth usage of the systems developed.

Worked remotely with multiple teams and traveled on field to Jordan to train partners.

Work included learning and converting into different technologies: From PHP/Laravel Web development, to FireBase with Native Android Java, to self learning Python/Django and delivering a customization of an existing tool.

2017 -
present

● **Google Developer Expert**

As Google developer expert, delivered over 130 talk and workshop around the world with a reach of over 20000 trainees directly and 353K indirect reach

Featured at Google I/O 2018 for my efforts in equipping teenage girls of marginalized communities with programming skills

Was the most active Google Developer expert in 2018 across the world

Featured at Google GDG Summit 2019 for my efforts in supporting diversity in the tech industry

Featured at WomenTechmakers International day campaign

Featured by Google Developers as inspiring community leader

2016-09 -
2016-11

● **Mentee as TechWomen Fellow**

SalesForce, Cloud team

After being elected for the Techwomen 2016 program by the department of state in the US, was chosen to intern at SalesForce in the San Francisco office within the Cloud team, during which I studied the recruiting and selection process of SalesForce to promote diversity.

Studied the agile practice in SaleForce and how they apply it differently across teams.

2013-01 -
2013-10

● **Startup Consultant**

Array Fusion

As part of a startup incubator, consulted a rising local startup in:

- Setting up a business model
- Business building
- Applying Design Thinking
- Client relation building

- Setting a product strategy

2013-01

● **Android Developer**

Free Lancer

As Android development started trending in my region, freelancing was my way to apply my self taught android development skills and keep up with the trend.

During which made sure to develop applications to cover all main features, projects included:

- Hotel Management Application
- Geography Educational Quiz Application
- Internal Chat application
- Javatar: Education application automating learning and testing Java knowledge
- Restaurants Online Delivery Application
- Task Management and order tracking Application

2017-01

● **Senior Android Developer**

Mokus

2014-01

● **Technical Trainer**

Teaching : JAVA, Android Development, Web Development, MYSQL Database Management, Technical Project Management

Training : Versioning Tools, Bug Tracking System, Quality Control, Presentations skills

2012-02 -

● **Senior Application Developer**

2016-05

HRSmart | Deltek

Working in an international team across 7 different time zones designing and implementing an HR management solution built in a LAMP environment.

Responsible of backend web development, migration, automation and devops.

2011-10 -

● **Software developer**

2012-02

CLEAR TAG

Software developer in a multimedia agency, developing web platform, facebook applications and flash applications

2010-03 -

● **Action Script Developer**

2011-03

Pious Technologies corporate

2008-11 -

● **PHP Web developer**

2010-03

Intelligile



Education

2011 -

● **Conservatoire national des arts et métiers**

2013

Master's System Architect

2007 -

● **Conservatoire national des arts et métiers**

2011

Bachelor Computer Science



Certificates

- 2017 ● Google Developer Expert
- 2018 ● UNLEASH Talent
- 2017 ● Google Women TechMaker Ambassador
- 2017 ● GDG Coast Lebanon Lead
- 2016 ● TechWomen Alumna
- 2016 ● Startup Seeds BootCamp Finalist
- 2015 ● Winner of "SME support Grant" for Delivery Mobile App
- 2011 ● CISCO A+ Instructor
- 2010 ● CCNA Certified



Community Development and Public speaking

- Details available upon request