# FAWAZ TAHIR



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### WHAT I'VE BUILT >

- a unique mobile social network and two communication tools
- a desktop productivity app that was once #1 on the Mac App Store
- ▶ mobile games in my spare time for 200K+ users (⅓ paid)

#### **EXPERIENCE**

2020 - date



### **BYTEDANCE**

### Senior Software Engineer and Product Manager at Lark and at TikTok

- Built simple features for Mail within Lark iOS app
- Led product work on the founding team for Shield, a Twitter-like communication tool
- · Led product work on the founding team for Coze, a communications tool built from scratch to compete with Slack
- Founding engineer for both client apps: Shield and Coze
- Highly involved in user interviews, design iterations and product strategy
- Built FE features and BE data support for <u>TikTok Effect House</u> website, a site creators use to upload TikTok effects for use on TikTok

2015



### **MICROSOFT**

### iOS Engineer at Yammer

- Consistently recognized for quality of features built for <u>Yammer iOS app</u> (500K DAU)
- Collaborated with teams across the org to develop ability to create a live broadcast
- Built universal search stack and publisher, consolidated custom cells to use MVVM
- · Open-sourced automatic view layout library: Decor

2014



# **WATTPAD**

# iOS Engineer

- Built several flagship, user-facing features for Wattpad iOS app (75K DAU)
- Wrote two-way data sync networking stack, data cache and storage layer
- Implemented push notifications, HTML reader and writer; prototyped new interfaces
- Led efforts to raise unit test coverage from 13→25%



### **IBM**

## **Frontend Engineer**

- Automated server schema build for Many Eves through Ant scripting
- Wrote modular XHR components, Dojo widgets, HTML visualizations using RAVE
- Built a comments section for discussions, and dataset filters for data visualizations

2011 - 2016



### **UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO**

### **Bachelor of Software Engineering Honours**

- President's Scholarship of Distinction
- Queen Elizabeth II Aiming for the Top Scholarship

# SIDE PROJECTS ▶

### Clippy Mac app

a customizable clipboard manager with keyboard shortcuts

### Crazy Boat iOS app

a 2D arcade boating game with Game Center integration

# Crazy Taxi Mac app

a timed 2D racing game with Facebook integration

### **Earth Orbiter**

an attempt at an ambitious goal to hold a communication station in space

### Flip iOS app

2D remake of the classic game Double or Nothing

### Ice Cream Factory iOS app

a 2D arcade game with 10+ levels, items, events, leaderboards, and in-app purchases

### **Magnetic Belt**

a few prototypes of an alternative to the traditional men's waist belt

### Squeak iOS app

tweet to the closest person in a direction your phone is pointed in

### Webcam Piano Mac app

a musical instrument that you play using hand motion in a webcam

► See <u>fawaztahir.com</u> for screenshots of the apps in action

### VOLUNTEER >

**Mentor** for Fletcher's Meadow Secondary School <u>FIRST</u> robotics team **Mentor** for Rowntree Elementary School <u>LEGO</u> robotics team