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Founder & Software Engineer

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SKILLS

LANGUAGES

TypeScript, JavaScript, Python, PHP

FRONTEND

React, Next.js, React Native, Tailwind

BACKEND

Node, Express, MongoDB, Laravel

AI / ML

PyTorch, LLMs, LoRA/PEFT, RAG, vector DBs, MCP

CLOUD / TOOLS

GCP, Docker, Vercel, Git

LANGUAGES

Farsi — Native

English — Fluent

Russian — Learning

AWARDS

1st — CipherHacks

AI bug-bounty assistant · 2025

3rd — CipherHacks

Cyber Arena: adversarial AI security benchmark · 2026

Winner — YC × Google DeepMind

Self-improving browser-agent RL · 2026

Most Innovative — TritonHacks

UCSD · 2025 & 2026

Most Useful — SDx

Tweet-virality ML platform · 2025

3rd — YC Corgi (S24)

AI dataset generator

USACO Gold Division

USA Computing Olympiad

YC AI Startup School

Hand-picked, 1 of 2,500 · 2025 & 2026

4th in Asia — Robotex

Iran National Robotics Team · 2019

EDUCATION

Sage Creek High School

Carlsbad, CA · Class of 2027

Google Project Management Certificate · 2025

EXPERIENCE

Founder & CEO

Mar 2026 – Present

Arena (Arena HQ, LLC) · [tryarena.app](#)

- Built an AI lead finder that surfaces people already describing a startup's product across Reddit, X, HN, LinkedIn, and Product Hunt, then drafts replies.
- Incorporated a Delaware LLC and raised a \$10K angel SAFE; shipped the product solo end to end.
- Ships as a web app, Chrome extension, and MCP server callable from Claude Code, Cursor, and Codex.

GTM Engineer

May 2026 – Present

Reacher (YC S25) · *prev. SWE Intern, Dec 2025 – May 2026*

- Build outreach automation and internal tooling; ship full-stack product features in React / Next.js / TypeScript.
- As intern: full-stack development, cloud/backend, UI/UX, and security audits. Won the role as a hackathon prize and passed technical interviews at 16.

Machine Learning Researcher

May 2026 – Present

Johns Hopkins University · *collaboration, remote*

- First author on two papers on temporal conditioning in frozen LLMs (chronometric injection; a hidden-time reasoning benchmark); co-author on three more in progress.
- Work spans residual-stream conditioning, LoRA/FiLM adaptation, causal ablations, and benchmark design. Preprints forthcoming.

Co-founder

2025

Raay — AI Intern for Startups

- Co-built an autonomous "AI intern" (its own email, phone, and Slack presence) that joins meetings and writes code via AI like a real hire.
- Recruited and led a 6-person equity team at 15 — ran interviews, coordination, and shipping; negotiated a ~\$50K raise that did not close.

Lead Front-End Engineer

Aug 2024 – Mar 2025

Bubba Holding · *part-time, remote*

- Shipped production dashboards and internal tools in PHP, Laravel, and Next.js; redesigned user and admin panels for usability.

Python Development Intern

Jun 2022 – Aug 2022

Hiwa Tech · *Iran, age 13 — first role*

- Wrote Python scripts for workflow automation and data processing with pandas and scikit-learn.

SELECTED PROJECTS

Agent Notch — React, LLMs

Agent living in the Mac notch that watches, learns, and acts through your cursor. Most Innovative, TritonHacks 2026.

Noora — React Native, Next.js, Pinecone, WebRTC

AI companion for elderly users with long-term vector memory and natural voice calling.

CommitMate — MERN, GCP, OpenAI

Turns any online course into a scheduled plan with deadlines, streaks, and a Chrome extension for importing materials.