

taha-alrowaily

AI Developer · Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Helps companies use AI safely and at scale: **one shared AI platform with clear rules today, private AI on the company's own hardware next.** Building software since 2011.



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01 PROFILE

current role **AI Developer**, Applied Computer Services Company (HASIB), Riyadh. Leads the company's move to AI.

own product **Founder** of أسئلة ثقافية (Cultural Questions), an Arabic trivia app with 2M+ users.

education MSc Artificial Intelligence (St Andrews), MS Information Systems (Drexel), BSc first-class honours.

earlier roles Softrip (travel software, USA), Saudia Airlines, Savola Group, Saudi Aramco.

02 SKILLS

self-assessed level

AI strategy and governance

■■■■■ EXPERT

Company AI roadmaps, rules for data and access, tracking usage and cost.

AI agents and automation

■■■■■ EXPERT

AI assistants for each department, automated routine work, human checks.

Local / on-premise AI setup

■■■■■ □ ADVANCED

Private AI on company hardware: hardware and model choice, setup, running.

Software and app development

■■■■■ EXPERT

Apps and business software from idea to release; fixing hard problems.

Data, reporting and dashboards

■■■■■ EXPERT

Data warehouses, business reports, dashboards and finance reporting.

Leadership and communication

■■■■■ □ ADVANCED

Bilingual Arabic and English; management and teams; product ownership.

KEY TOOLS Python, Generative AI tools, AI agents, .NET (C#), SQL, Microsoft BI reports and dashboards, Git

03 WHERE I ADD VALUE

- Moving a company from personal AI accounts to one shared platform.
- AI assistants for each department, with clear rules and cost tracking.
- Private AI on company hardware, so sensitive data stays in-house.
- Fast delivery: AI does the routine work, people check the quality.

04 RESULTS

2M+ users

of the Arabic trivia app he founded

4.5★ rating

from 9,400+ user reviews

77,000+

questions and 46 games in the app

Since 2011

building and running software

50+ companies

used the travel platform he worked on

100+ bugs

complex bugs fixed; top of the weekly bug leaderboard

MSc AI

Artificial Intelligence, University of St Andrews

First-class

honours, BSc, King Abdulaziz University

05 LANGUAGES

Arabic (native)

English (fluent)

06 EXPERIENCE

newest first

Oct 2026 – now

CURRENT

AI Developer · Applied Computer Services Company (HASIB), Riyadh

- › Leads the company's AI transformation.
- › Rolling out one company-wide AI agent platform: AI assistants for each department, clear access and data rules, and one view of usage and cost, in place of AI used through individual accounts.
- › Planning private AI that runs on the company's own hardware.

2011 – now

CURRENT

Founder · أسئلة ثقافية (Cultural Questions) · thaqafiya.app

- › Built and runs an Arabic trivia game with 2M+ users, rated 4.5★ from 9,400+ reviews.
- › Grew it to 77,000+ questions and 46 games, with online duels and leagues.
- › Builds it with a team of AI agents, with human review before every release.

Sep 2019 – Oct 2021

Software Developer · Softrip, Fort Washington, PA, USA

- › Worked on a travel software platform used by 50+ travel companies; built custom reports for major clients.
- › Fixed 100+ complex bugs and was top of the weekly bug leaderboard.
- › Built a data process that helped detect and block fraud.

Nov 2013 – Aug 2015

IT Application Specialist · Saudia Airlines, Jeddah

- › Managed the company's data warehouse.
- › Built reports and dashboards, and a dedicated finance data store for reporting.

2012 · 2011

Internships · Savola Group · Saudi Aramco

- › Savola Group (2012): built a finance dashboard. Saudi Aramco (2011): worked on HR systems.
- › Received an appreciation certificate from both.

07 EDUCATION

2025 – 2026

MSc Artificial Intelligence · University of St Andrews

Dissertation: compared AI-based and traditional image compression on quality, storage and speed.

2017 – 2019

MS Information Systems · Drexel University · GPA 3.76

2009 – 2013

BSc Computing and IT · King Abdulaziz University · first-class honours

08 AWARD

2013

3rd place, Innovation in Technology and Computing contest

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