

Hasan Faraz

FINTECH LEAD

Profile

An experienced and multidisciplinary IT professional with a decade of experience in project execution and management within the banking and fintech industry. Highly motivated and passionate about using the latest technologies to improve and enhance the inner operations of organizations and the quality of the services provided to their clients.

Employment History

Fintech Lead, Bede Bahrain

APRIL 2023 – PRESENT

As the Fintech Integration and Support Lead at Bede, I was instrumental in driving the successful launch of our fintech application, ensuring seamless integration with eco-service providers, and optimizing performance post-launch. I revitalized our Agile project delivery methodology, enhancing the efficiency and flexibility of our technology initiatives.

In addition to my core responsibilities, I was entrusted with establishing the company's IT department from the ground up. This encompassed defining the structure, headcount, and responsibilities, selecting the technology stack, managing integrations, and overseeing vendor management, budgeting, and expenditure. I also set up SOC and NOC teams, regularly reviewed their progress, and established comprehensive Disaster Recovery (DRP) and Incident Response (IRP) policies. I personally took charge of incident management, ensuring swift and effective resolution.

Reporting directly to the CEO, I developed a five-year implementation plan, a product development timeline, and a training program for junior team members under my supervision. As the single point of contact for all technology and IT operational needs, I played a key role in steering the company's strategic IT direction, ensuring alignment with business objectives, and delivering high-impact results.

IT Officer - Assistant Manager , Housing Bank for Trade and Finance, Bahrain

OCTOBER 2021 – MARCH 2023

- Responsible for managing CBB mandates & requirements.
- Backup to Bahrain Branch IT Manager.
- Designing and preparing all business and regulatory reports.
- Managing internal and external vulnerability fixes.
- In-house Development (C#, Java, Low-code)
- OS, systems & database administration.
- Managing internal and external audit requirements and closure of reported observations.
- IT operational support to branch users.

IT Projects & Development Officer , Khaleeji Commercial Bank, Bahrain

NOVEMBER 2016 – SEPTEMBER 2021

- Designed, developed and deployed systems with the aim of increasing employee productivity and the bank's overall performance.
- Acted as a technical manager for external projects and assisted senior technical and project managers in daily activities.
- Ensured systems compliance with latest security standards.
- Managed and trained temporary staff and outsourced consultants.
- Project documentation and training before handover to IT Operations.

IT Consultant, IT People Gulf W.L.L, Bahrain



Details

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Skills

Business Analysis
IT Project Management
Agile Development
IT Security
System Analysis & Design
Technical Management
IT Management
IT Audits

MARCH 2016 – NOVEMBER 2016

Outsourced to Khaleeji Commercial Bank

Junior Systems Developer, ARIMA Insurance Software W.L.L, Bahrain

FEBRUARY 2015 – FEBRUARY 2016

Education

Bachelor of Computer Science, Bahrain Polytechnic (3.34), GPA 3.42

SEPTEMBER 2011 – MAY 2015

Highschool Diploma - Computer Science, Sh. Khalifa Bin Salman Institute of Technology (95.4 %), GPA 95.4%

SEPTEMBER 2008 – JUNE 2011

Scottish Professional Development Award, Sh. Khalifa Bin Salman Institute of Technology (Level 5)

SEPTEMBER 2008 – JUNE 2011

References

Ahmed Almuharraqi, Head of IT Operations from Khaleeji Commercial Bank

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Emile Al Mahdi, AGM - PMO & Operations from ARIMA Insurance Software W.L.L

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Yaqoob Albalooshi, Head of Payment Services from Bede Bahrain

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Recent Projects & Implementations

Bede Bahrain App, Fintech Lead

MARCH 2024

EcoSystem Integrations, Fintech Lead

JANUARY 2024

KFH Bahrain, BCRB, EKYC, Commodity Exchange, Oracle ERP, AWS, Sinnad,

Loan Management System, Fintech Lead

JANUARY 2024

Other Projects @ Bede, Fintech Lead

- Automated Testing Solution
- Dynatrace Implementation
- BI Integrations
- NOC/SOC Implementation project
- AWS Cost Optimization project
- Payment Gateway Implementation
- Partner Bank Migration Project
- AML Screening and Monitoring Implementation

PCI-DSS Compliance & Certifications, Fintech Lead

APRIL 2024

Core Banking Migration, Assistant Project & Technical Manager

JULY 2022

Bahrain Open Banking Framework (Phase 2), Technical Project Manager

JUNE 2022

Swift ISO 20022 Converter, Bahrain Technical Manager

MARCH 2022

External IT Audit, Project Manager

DECEMBER 2021

Bahrain Branch Security Hardening, Technical Manager

OCTOBER 2021

Echeque Project, Technical Manager

SEPTEMBER 2021

UiPath Implementation, Technical Manager

AUGUST 2021

KHCB Digital Banking , Assistant Technical Manager

MAY 2021

Bahrain Open Banking Framework (Phase 1), Assistant Technical Manager

MARCH 2021

KHCB Online Requests Portal (Covid-19), Technical Project Manager

MARCH 2020

Khaleeji 360, Technical Project Manager

JANUARY 2020

* Comprehensive list of previous implementations available upon request

Certificates

Certified Blockchain Professional

JUNE 2021

Planned Certifications

Project Management Professional (PMP), In progress

Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Planned for 2025