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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Community builder and founder of With Builders, a Riyadh builders community for AI, robotics, product, and startups: 15+ weekly live meetups with rotating expert guests, 3 community hackathons, a YouTube channel, and a programs site for bootcamps and hackathons. Facilitated 9 design-thinking workshops and hackathons for community and corporate audiences, and trained 600+ engineering trainees. Knows startup programs from the founder side: AI Garage Accelerator, Misk Launchpad, Flat6Labs, Ibe Hub, and Attliq; won first place at 4 hackathons and secured 300K SAR in grants and prizes. Arabic and English.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Selected among the top 10 of 2,000+ applicants (Attliq), 20 of 500+ (Flat6Labs), and the top 10 of 250+ (Ibe Hub).
- Won 4 first-place hackathons (TechShop 2026, Tawasulthon 2025, Wathba 2024 - 1st of 50+ teams, Spacethon 2024) and secured 300K SAR in grants and prizes, including a 150K SAR AI Garage Accelerator grant.

COMMUNITY AND PROGRAMS EXPERIENCE

Founder

With Builders (formerly With Khalid), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia — Mar 2026 - Present

- Founded and run a builders community for AI, robotics, product, and startups, hosting weekly live meetups (15+ to date) with rotating expert guests and running the community YouTube channel.
- Launched and ran 3 community hackathons.
- Launched a programs site for bootcamps and hackathons, alongside the community site.

Design-Thinking Facilitator (Contract)

HUED, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia — 2023 - 2025

- Facilitated 9 design-thinking workshops and hackathons for community and corporate audiences.

Robotics Engineer & Technical Trainer

Smart Methods, Makkah, Saudi Arabia — Sep 2020 - Feb 2021

- Trained 600+ engineering trainees across Electronics, Internet of Things (IoT), AI, and Robotics, and designed hands-on labs.

FOUNDER AND PRODUCT EXPERIENCE

Founder

Samla (formerly NoNet.app), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia — May 2025 - Present

- Founded an Arabic-first product family that blocks distracting apps and harmful content; the Samla Club web app is live since Sep 2026.

Founder & AI Product Manager

Data Box (independent AI studio), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia — Oct 2023 - Present

- Built 10+ AI MVPs and prototypes and delivered AI agents and automations for startup and business clients.

Sales Engineer

Legrand, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia — Jan 2022 - Dec 2022

- Supported enterprise technical pre-sales and demos, translating client requirements into proposals.

Co-Founder & Product Manager
Solar Gate, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia Oct 2020 - Dec 2021

- Co-built a solar estimation platform, validated through customer discovery with 80+ stakeholder interviews.

PROGRAMS

- From Idea to MVP to Investor Pitch - end-to-end venture-building program (private).

ACCELERATORS & INCUBATORS

- AI Garage Accelerator (MVP Lab program), Cohort 12 (2025)
- Misk Launchpad 8.0 - completed the 10-week pre-accelerator (2025)
- Ibe Hub - selected among the top 10 of 250+ applicants (incubation, 2024)
- Flat6Labs - selected among 20 of 500+ applicants (2024)
- Attliq - selected among the top 10 of 2,000+ applicants (incubation, 2023)

SKILLS

Community and Programs: Community Building, Meetups and Expert Guests, Hackathons, Bootcamps, Workshop Facilitation, Design Thinking, Technical Training, Stakeholder Management, Pitching, Arabic and English

Product and Innovation: Customer Discovery, Lean Product Discovery, User Research, Market Research & Validation, Rapid Prototyping, Minimum Viable Product (MVP) Definition, Go-to-Market (GTM), Generative AI, AI Agents, Workflow Automation

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Electrical and Electronics Engineering
King Saud University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia Graduated Jan 2021

CERTIFICATIONS

- Product Management Masterclass, OLO Academy, 2024

LANGUAGES

Arabic (Native), English (Professional Working Proficiency)