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Profile

I am an Assistant Professor of Computer Science. I have completed a PhD degree in Computer Science at Queen's University Belfast. My research focuses on using, evaluating and improving the use of serious games in teaching Computer Science modules especially computer programming.

I am an open-minded individual with a proven track record in planning, designing and conducting experiments, data collection and analysis. I am enthusiastic to be challenged to improve my professional IT skills especially in serious games and mobile development. I am also interested in data science topics, machine learning and cloud computing.

Education

PhD Degree in Computer Science 2020

Queen's University Belfast, Belfast, UK
Thesis title: Serious Games in Teaching Computer Programming: Usage and Evaluation
Supervised by Dr. Barry McCollum

MSc Degree in Computer Science 2014

University of Birmingham, Birmingham, UK
Thesis title: Online Mobile Banking Application
Supervised by Prof. Uday Reddy
Degree: Merit

BSc Degree in Computer Networks Systems 2013

Applied Science University, Amman, Jordan
G.P.A: 3.1/4

Experience

- Lecturer Feb 2024- Present
KASIT, Jordan University, Amman, Jordan
- Head of ASAC Department Oct 2023- Feb 2024
LTUC, Amman, Jordan
- Head of Foundation Department Jan 2022- Feb 2024
LTUC, Amman, Jordan
- Assistant Professor Mar 2021- Feb 2024
ASAC, LTUC, Amman, Jordan
- PT Assistant Professor Mar 2023- Jul 2023
KASIT, Jordan University, Amman, Jordan

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PT Consultant EventMAP Ltd, Belfast, UK	Oct 2018 - Dec 2019
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laboratory Demonstrator Queen's University Belfast, Belfast, UK	Oct 2015 - Oct 2018
Publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assaf, A.J., Issa, L. and Eshtay, M., 2023. "Evaluating the quality characteristics of Space Geeks". <i>Lecture Notes in Business Information Processing (LNBIP, Vol. 494)</i>.• Assaf, A.J., McCollum, B. and McMullan, P., 2022. "Finding The Best Approach For Using Serious Games In Teaching Computer Programming". <i>Journal of Positive School Psychology, 6(7), pp.4373-4401</i>.• Assaf, A.J., Eshtay, M. and Issa, L., 2022. "Space Geeks: A Proposed Serious Game to Teach Array Concept for Novice Programming Students". <i>18th International Conference on Web Information Systems and Technologies</i>.• Abdellatif. A., McCollum. B. And McMullan. P., 2018. "Serious Games Quality Characteristics Evaluation: The Case Study of Optimizing Robocode". <i>SIIE 2018: 20th International Symposium on Computers in Education, 2018, University of Cadiz, Spain</i>• Abdellatif. A., McCollum. B. And McMullan. P., 2018. "Serious Games: Quality Characteristics Evaluation Framework and Case Study". <i>IEEE Integrated STEM Education Conference (ISEC), 2018, Princeton University, USA</i>• Abdellatif. A. And McCollum. B., 2016. "A Proposed Framework for Simulation Based Learning of Inheritance". <i>UKSim-AMSS 18th International Conference on Computer Modelling and Simulation, 2016, Cambridge University, UK</i>	
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unity Games Development• Java Programming• C# Programming• Open-source projects• Simulation and serious games• Problem-solving and decision-making• High energy, confident, with proven ability to adapt under stress and daily pressure• Punctuality in Timing & Deadlines	
Achievements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Researcher Plus certificate Queen's University Belfast, UK	2018
Taught courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Game Development• Data Structures and Algorithms• Advanced Programming• Programming• Introduction to Programming	

- Database Design and Development
 - Computing Research
 - Networking
 - Professional Practice
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References

- Dr. Barry McCollum
Computer Science Department
Queen's University Belfast, UK
- Dr. Paul McMullan
Computer Science Department
Queen's University Belfast, UK
- Dr. Mohammad Eshtay
ASAC, LTUC, Amman, Jordan
- Mr. Zaid Arida
Crown Prince Foundation, Amman, Jordan