Zeeshan Elahi



Senior Full-Stack Software Engineer | Solution Architect | AI Apps and Features

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Full-stack engineer and solution architect with 19 years building software that has to keep working: high-volume e-commerce platforms, payment flows, supplier integrations, and the AWS infrastructure underneath. From 2021 to 2026 I led development on a live multi-tenant e-commerce platform for a US company, a client I first worked with in 2016 and came back to under direct contract in 2018 and again in 2021. Hands-on today in PHP/Laravel, MySQL, AWS, React, and Node.js, owning systems end to end, and in building AI features on Claude (agents, RAG, evals). Java and Spring Boot are a strong past stack, with production systems shipped in both.

CORE TECHNICAL SKILLS

Backend: PHP (Laravel, WordPress, Custom MVC), Java (Spring Boot, Hibernate, Spring REST), Node.js (Express.js), .NET Core / C#

Frontend: React.js, Next.js, TypeScript, JavaScript (ES6), HTML5, CSS3, Bootstrap, jQuery

AI & LLM: Claude (Anthropic API), tool use and agents, RAG (pgvector, embeddings), prompt caching, evaluation sets, prompt-injection defences

Cloud & DevOps: AWS (EC2, S3, RDS, Lambda, DynamoDB, CloudSearch, CLI), Jenkins, CI/CD Pipelines, Apache, PHP-FPM, beanstalkd, Supervisord, Linux Shell Scripting

Databases: MySQL, PostgreSQL, SQL Server, MongoDB, DynamoDB, SQLite, Oracle, Redis, Memcached

Architecture: Microservices, REST APIs, SaaS Platforms, Multi-Tenant Systems, IoT/Embedded Systems, System Design, Design Patterns

Payments & APIs: Stripe, Authorize.Net, PayPal, PayFlow Pro, PromoStandards, Modbus, BLE, LDAP

Testing & Tools: PHPUnit, Git, GitHub, Bitbucket, Jira, VS Code, IntelliJ IDEA, PHPStorm, WebStorm, Postman

Mobile: Android (Native), React Native, iOS (Basic)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lead Developer | Z9 Digital, LLC | Remote (US-based)

Feb 2021 – Oct 2026 · Contract

- Lead developer on a high-volume, multi-tenant e-commerce brand-store platform built on PHP, MySQL, and AWS, serving multiple global clients. The work covered system architecture, new features, and day-to-day production support.
- Designed and shipped an AI feature on the platform that turned a manual, item-by-item review into a single action: about 99% correct in testing, with staff able to overrule any result.
- Built and maintained the supplier data integrations (product, inventory, pricing, orders) and the PCI-compliant Authorize.Net Hosted Forms payment flows.
- Kept the queue-based batch processing and supporting AWS infrastructure running: beanstalkd work queues with Supervisord-managed workers for heavy, asynchronous workloads, and Mailgun for email delivery.
- Migrated core systems to AWS, which improved scalability and reliability.
- Third engagement with Z9 in ten years: first through IQVIS in 2016, then a direct contract in Aug – Oct 2018 covering the same development work on the platform that preceded the 2021 one.

- Stack: PHP, MySQL, PHPUnit, JavaScript, jQuery, Bootstrap, Linux, Apache, PHP-FPM, AWS (EC2, CLI), ImageMagick, Fabric.js.

Independent Software Consultant | VIZE Solutions | Remote
Jul 2017 – Present

- Run an independent consultancy building custom software end to end, from requirements and architecture through to deployment and support, for direct clients.
- Built a public Laravel AI app (github.com/zeeshan-elahi/laravel-ai-support-demo): cited answers from your own documents (RAG with pgvector) and a support agent using Claude tool use, prompt caching and prompt-injection defences enforced in code; 15 of 15 evaluation tasks passed at about $0.00015 per task.
- Architected and launched a custom CRM on Laravel and React.js.
- Built a Laravel and Vue platform that connects learner drivers with instructors, covering lesson booking, DMV test prep, and licensing.
- Built a Java/Spring recruitment and staffing system on AWS (S3, RDS, DynamoDB) for US international-development programs.
- Built a Modbus-based remote monitoring system for IoT solar-charger management.
- Delivered several custom CRMs, some built on Spring Boot with Bootstrap and jQuery front ends.
- Consulted on system architecture, performance, and technical hiring for growth-stage companies.
- Currently working mostly in React 19, TypeScript, Laravel, and Expo.

IQVIS Inc. | Lahore, Pakistan
Apr 2007 – Jun 2017

Senior Technical Project Manager / Solution Architect
Jan 2017 – Jun 2017

- Managed multiple client projects at once, leading teams of four to eight engineers, and owned solution architecture for new applications.
- Key member of the pre-sales team, running technical analysis on upcoming work.
- Worked directly with clients and helped the company win new business and grow the engineering team.

Lead Engineer / Architect
Apr 2016 – Dec 2016

- Led the engineering team on architecture and delivery for new and ongoing client projects, including an e-commerce platform build for a US client (Z9 Digital), the start of a relationship that ran until 2026.
- Identified technical risks early, introduced current technologies and design patterns (MVC, DI, Observer, Factory) where they fit, and supported the team through difficult technical decisions.

Software Engineer to Senior Software Engineer
Apr 2007 – Mar 2016

- Progressed from intern to Senior Software Engineer, also carrying assistant project manager, system architect, and technical lead responsibilities.
- Delivered applications across .NET (C#, ASP.NET), PHP, and Java, including an enterprise Java platform for a US client built on Spring MVC and Hibernate, deployed on Apache with Jenkins CI.
- Led adoption of MVC architecture and CI practices that streamlined development across the company.

EDUCATION

BS (Hons.) in Computer Science, Virtual University of Pakistan • April 2007