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A Message from **Marcos Muller-Habig** Celebrating the 52nd UAE National Day

On the occasion of the 52nd UAE National Day, we are honored to reflect on the UAE's achievements and embrace the shared values that form the foundation of our great nation.

At 42 Abu Dhabi, we take immense pride in being a part of the UAE's remarkable journey towards becoming a global hub for technology and innovation.

We believe in nurturing a generation of coders and empowering them with the skills necessary to lead Abu Dhabi's digital future.

On this special occasion, let us celebrate the remarkable progress that our nation has made and the countless opportunities that lie ahead. Together, we can empower our coders, entrepreneurs, and innovators to shape our nation's future, contribute to its digital transformation, and play a vital role in building a sustainable and thriving digital ecosystem in Abu Dhabi.





Did you know?

Amazon announces Q, an AI chatbot for businesses

Amazon announced a new chatbot called Q for people to use at work. The product, announced at Amazon Web Services' Reinvent conference in Las Vegas, represents Amazon's latest effort to challenge Microsoft and Google in productivity software. It comes one year after Microsoft-backed startup OpenAI launched its ChatGPT chatbot, which has popularized generative artificial intelligence for crafting human-like text in response to a few lines of human input.

Q is named after the character by the same name in the James Bond movies or the Q character in the Star Trek television shows, depending on which AWS executive you ask.

Initially, Q can help people understand the capabilities of AWS and trouble-shoot issues. People will be able to talk with it in communication apps such as Salesforce's Slack and software developers' text-editing applications.

* Source: **CNBC**

What's up at 42 Abu Dhabi?



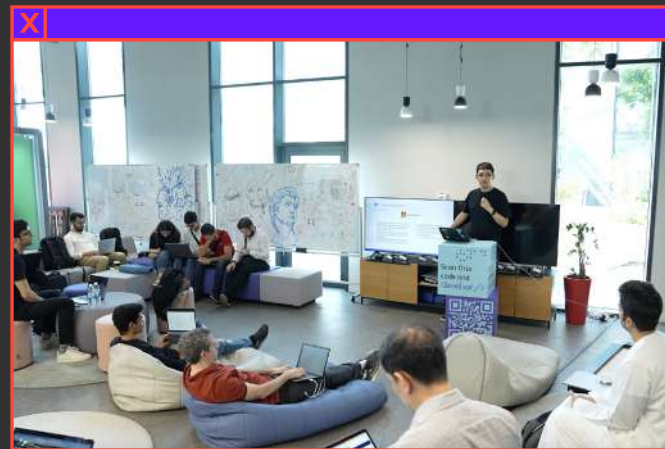
Abu Dhabi Finance Week

Marcos Muller Habig, Acting CEO of 42 Abu Dhabi, recently took part in two panel discussions at Abu Dhabi Finance Week, the most influential finance, investment, and economic event in the MENA region.

The first panel, titled "The AI-powered future of Abu Dhabi's startup landscape", explored the potential of AI in advancing Abu Dhabi's startups. The second panel, titled "Talking About AI, Before It Was Cool", delved into the extensive range of AI-driven achievements that the U.A.E. and Abu Dhabi have realized across vital sectors.

ETH Hackathon

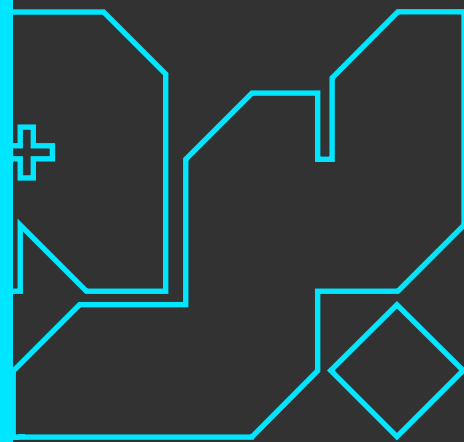
The incredible ETH hackathon took place at 42 Abu Dhabi, during the highly anticipated Abu Dhabi Finance Week. In addition to the hackathon, the event featured an impressive array of talks, workshops, and a Pitch Demo Day, ensuring a well-rounded and unforgettable experience for all attendees. The event served as an opportunity to network, learn, and unleash students' creative potential!



UAE Codes Day Workshops

In celebration of UAE Codes Day, which is observed on 29th of October, our students delivered a number of engaging workshops and sessions, dedicated to promoting coding, technology, and innovation.

Aliaksandr Dziaruha led the "Blockchain Track: Create your first smart contract" workshop, and Ahmed Salem led the "Cybersecurity Track: [LH1] workshop. Additionally, Yassein Idris led the "AI/ML Track: Create an AI/ML-enabled Application" workshop, while Bachir Ammar led the "DevOps Track: Create your own Valgrind container with Docker" workshop.



Stepping into the gaming industry

We're proud of our coders who have embarked on their interview process with five esteemed gaming companies: Krews, Zaini Media, Yayo Games, Empire Play, and Unity Technologies. This marks the beginning of an exciting journey for them, as they step into the real world to apply their coding skills into one of the fastest-growing industries in the world. Best of luck to you all on your new journey, and we can't wait to see what you will accomplish!



Hosting the 3rd Edition of the Chess Tournament

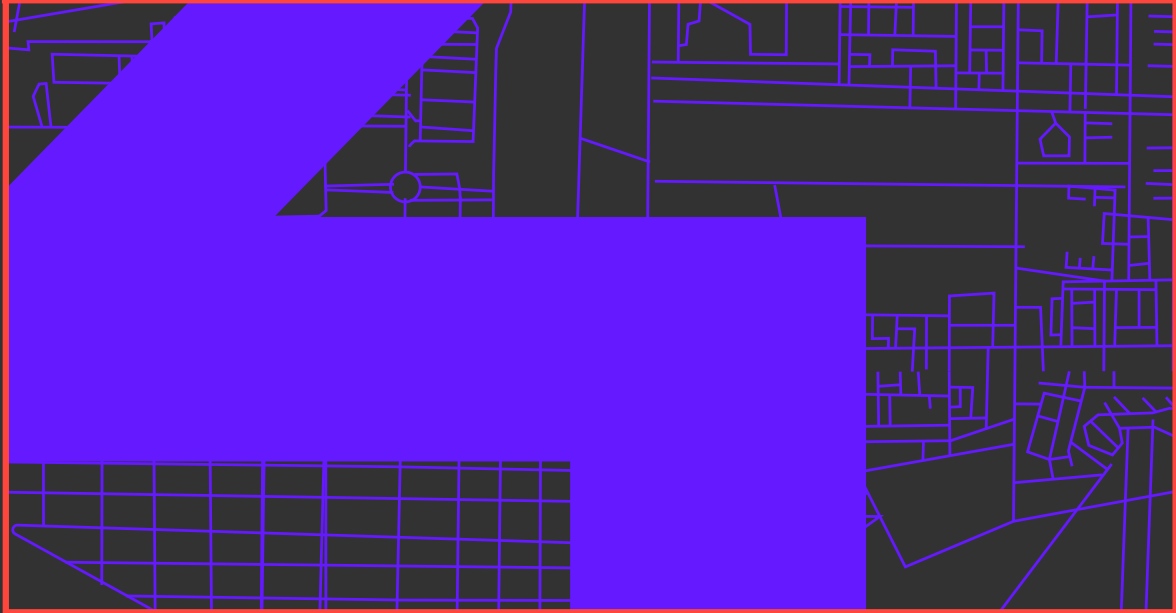
42 Abu Dhabi hosted the third edition of its chess tournament in collaboration with Abu Dhabi Chess Club & Mind games. The tournament was held in 42 Abu Dhabi's campus on the 15th of November 2023. During the tournament, 42 Abu Dhabi students competed with Rouda Essa al Serkal, who has gained recognition as a two-time world chess champion and winner of the Asian Amateur Chess Championship for Women 2023. The tournament provided a comprehensive and interactive platform for students to observe and learn from advanced chess techniques first-hand, gaining valuable insights into the strategies employed by professionals. Zubaydullo Abdirakhmonov won first place in the chess tournament, with Alban Medetbek uulu in 2nd place, Salam Sibai in 3rd place, Obada Outabachi in 4th place and Jinxiu Yao in 5th place. Congratulations to all the champions!



Empowering Youth Voices 2023

We were pleased to participate in the Empowering Youth Voices 2023 event, organized by the French Institute in the UAE, Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi, and TotalEnergies. Over the course of two days, students from nine different universities and schools gathered to engage in lively debates and discussions on various topics related to the COP28 agenda. We were excited to have the opportunity to empower the voices of the youth and contribute to the important dialogue surrounding environmental sustainability.

CODERS SPOTLIGHT



Coders' Spotlight & Success Stories

In this month's newsletter, we are thrilled to share with you some truly inspiring stories from our students as they reflect on their journeys at 42 Abu Dhabi and how they found their passion for coding. Here are a few quotes where they've described their remarkable stories and inspirations:



Shaikha Alqaydi



“While working at the Department of Education and Knowledge in Abu Dhabi, I was entrusted with the responsibility of crafting a strategic cybersecurity plan for 42 Abu Dhabi, a key project of the department. This role reignited my passion for programming, profoundly influenced by the dynamic atmosphere at 42 Abu Dhabi. The environment was so stimulating that, within just a month of my initial engagement there, I made a transformative decision to become a student at 42 Abu Dhabi. This pivotal shift not only rekindled my love for programming but also became a cornerstone in my academic advancement, leading me to secure a place in

a Ph.D. program in computer science. I am thrilled to announce that my doctoral journey, inspired and enabled by my experiences at 42 Abu Dhabi, is set to commence at the start of the next year.”

Yassein

“I started my journey by studying machine learning and AI through research. I developed a profound understanding of complex mathematical models and their intricacies. However, there came a point where I felt a gap – I couldn’t translate my knowledge into tangible applications that could solve real-world problems. Fortunately, an opportunity presented itself to enhance my programming skills significantly.

At 42 Abu Dhabi, I experienced a transformative journey where I not only acquired the fundamental skills of programming but also witnessed their practical value. The project-based learning system allowed me to grasp the basics in a hands-on manner, enabling me to see the tangible impact of programming in real-world applications. This newfound understanding played a pivotal role in my successful career shift. The unique learning environment at 42 Abu Dhabi provided the foundation for my journey into a field that I’m immensely proud to be a part of today.”



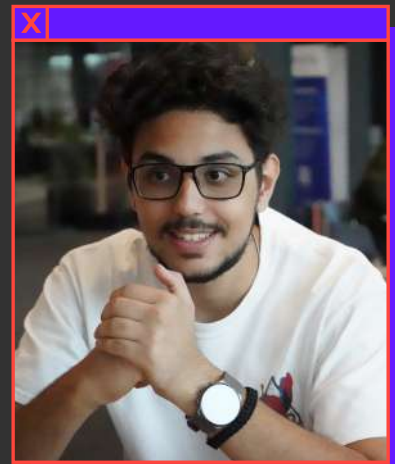
Imad Saad



"Throughout my journey at 42 Abu Dhabi, I have adopted a proactive approach, eagerly absorbing every evaluation and feedback that I received from my peers. Each obstacle I encountered served as a stepping stone towards further growth and development. Now, having completed the 42 common core and embarked on the mastery phase, my goal is to fully immerse myself in the development cycle and absorb as much knowledge as possible in this dynamic field."

Tarek Badawi

"At 42 Abu Dhabi, I finally found the place where I can really be who I want to be. Getting in was not easy, but I was ready to do it all and give my everything, the dedication, the patience, the effort and work, it was all present, but also the laughs, the people, the growth, and to me, that was my new home. And now I am on the path of building my own future, I am studying in my dream land, I am working two jobs so that I can support myself and family, I am learning what how to be a better person from all the peoples' different views and stories, yet add my own twist to everything I do just to be ME."



Reem Aldahhan

"It was not until I stumbled upon 42 Network through a YouTube ad that a new chapter in my life began. At that point, I had zero experience in coding, but the prospect of a brighter future drew me to apply. The journey at 42 Abu Dhabi has been nothing short of transformative. From a complete novice, I have evolved into a skilled coder, equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to embark on a new career path. I now envision a future where my skills contribute meaningfully to society."

Abdulwadoud



"With my dental expertise and coding skills, I aim to craft innovative solutions, streamline complex processes, and contribute to the cutting edge of dental technology. But my vision extends beyond my own practice. I have a dream of creating an app that will benefit all patients, transcending boundaries and changing lives for the better. I believe that what I do here will make a difference in the world. With every line of code I write, I'm one step closer to realizing my dream and helping people smile brighter."

Martin

"I quit school after the tenth grade to become a police officer in my hometown in Germany. During this time, I developed an interest in computer science and automation through coding, but never pursued this interest, feeling I wasn't smart enough to be a coder. In my mid-twenties, I underwent a career change because I wanted to travel the world. As a diplomat, I lived in many different countries, including China, Nepal, and Italy. My wife introduced me to 42 Abu Dhabi, a free coding school, and encouraged me to pursue my long-standing, yet neglected, interest in coding."



"42 Abu Dhabi provides not only a network of friends and the opportunity to learn, but also a way to find peace. I've learned that coding and its logical structure help calm my mind during difficult times and alleviate some of the lingering effects of my injuries."

Lakshmi Saseendran

"I am a software QA Analyst, and I am also a Mother of a 2-year-old. I am a wife, daughter and daughter-in-law, but the best part is that I am also a proud student of 42 Abu Dhabi. My area of expertise is assuring quality and finding discrepancies in the software products both automation and manual.

Being a mother of a new-born is a great responsibility, and balancing work, family life and education is a challenge, but I have a very supportive family who encourages me to reach my dreams, in addition to the ongoing support of my peers at 42 Abu Dhabi.

