

# Laith Taher

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## EDUCATION

**Northeastern University**  
*Bachelor of Science in Computer Science*

**September 2022 – April 2026**  
*Boston, MA*

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

**Languages:** TypeScript, JavaScript, SQL, Go, Python, C, C++, Java, Kotlin, Bash

**Tools/OS:** AWS, Linux, Vim, Git, Docker, PostgreSQL, Azure, React.js, Next.js, Express.js, GraphQL, Kafka, FreeBSD, nginx

## EXPERIENCE

**Claim (Series A, backed by Sequoia Capital and VMG)**  
*Software Engineer Co-op*

**January 2025 – August 2025**  
*Boston, MA*

- Developed, designed and tested **GraphQL** endpoints and **SQL** queries for user-onboarding, location management, and reward assignment, supporting the app's rollout to **10** major cities and contributing to a growth of **100k+** weekly active users.
- Architected a **Kafka**-driven backend to ingest **millions** of real-time user events daily, generating **SQL** aggregations for dynamic audience segmentation, enabling targeted reward campaigns and partnerships with market-leading food chains.
- Founded the Engineer-on-Call system to streamline team-wide requests by triaging support issues and shipping high-priority tasks, reducing senior engineer context-switching; resolved **51 tickets in 49 days**, boosting engineering productivity and cutting user-reported issues by **40%**.

**Johnson & Johnson**  
*Software Engineer Co-op*

**January 2024 – June 2024**  
*New Brunswick, NJ*

- Led the development of a **GenAI**-powered knowledge retrieval system using **Python** and **Azure (Document Intelligence, Blob Storage, Cognitive Search)** to extract insights from historical deal documents, accelerating IT integration and separation workflows by **30%**.
- Built dashboards using **React.js** to monitor **40+** use cases, automating data entry and reporting with **GenAI**, while collaborating with senior leaders and consultants to implement feedback.
- Automated J&J network offboarding workflows using **Pandas** and **NumPy** to parse CSV and Excel data, securely removing **200+** users during the J&J Consumer Health divestiture to Kenvue.

**Sandbox at Northeastern**  
*Software Engineer*

**August 2025 – Present**  
*Boston, MA*

- Spearheading the development of a code-execution environment for online assessments adopted by multiple on-campus organizations and used by **300+** students, streamlining recruitment and technical evaluation workflows.
- Architected and deployed a robust cloud infrastructure on **AWS (EC2, ECS, Fargate, RDS, ALB, CloudWatch)**, enabling containerized workloads, automated scaling, and CI/CD pipelines.
- Collaborating with designers, product leads, and engineers to implement full-stack features with **Next.js** and **PostgreSQL**, driving rapid product iteration.

**Oasis at Northeastern**  
*President, Program Director, Software Engineer*

**April 2024 – April 2025**  
*Boston, MA*

- Led weekly workshops for **120+** first-year students, expanding the developer cohort by **40%** and improving retention through hands-on mentorship and project-based learning.
- Developed and maintained **20+** new educational resources covering web, app, and backend development, as well as agile and project-management fundamentals.
- Managed a team of **9** E-Board members using agile methodologies to execute club-wide growth initiatives, conduct leadership meetings, and iterate on the program through continuous feedback analysis.

## PROJECTS

**grog** | *Go*

**February 2024 – March 2024**

- Independently developed grog, a Node.js package manager that outperforms npm by **40%** in speed benchmarks through optimized caching mechanisms and lock-file-based dependency management.