Adil Islam

AI & Data Product Leadership AUSTIN, TX linkedin.com/in/adil-islam-ai

PROJECTS

ThinkyBooks Interactive thinking books for kids

PromptEngines AI consulting for building Agents and Brains

LLM Fine-tuning Dharmatune: fine-tuning models on worldviews

Pantheon Turnkey recursively improving agent community for operating a company, entity, or human life

LLM Benchmarking StoryBench and DharmaBench model evals

VideoTerminal Node-based video generation

EXPERIENCE

International Business Machines AUSTIN, TX

Program Director, Product Management, watsonx.data 2025 - Present

- Focal for major client engagements ($150M+), IBM as client zero ($20M+ value), and SMB strategy
- Solution Accelerators: Building assets for rapid deploy with CI/CD of RAG and lakehouse solutions

Principal Product Manager, Data and AI Portfolio Strategy 2020 - 2021

- Led PMs / data scientists in portfolio strategy for Data and AI org (~$6B revenue) and special projects for roadmap, pricing, strategy, M&A, and GTM overhaul
- Product focus: Customer care, search, assistants, data fabric and information architecture

Ikhor.ai — AI for Anime STEALTH, BACKED BY KHOSLA, HF0 — US/JAPAN (REMOTE)

Applied Research and Product Lead 2024 - 2025

- B2B: Managed ops and research on finetuning, workflow dev and hosting for studio clients (<$1M ARR)
- B2C: Built SaaS app for anime creation in 3D environment; cultivated global community on X and Discord

Stability.ai — Generative AI Foundation Model Startup BACKED BY COATUE — US/UK (REMOTE)

Product Lead (previously Chief of Staff) 2022 - 2024

- Led 0-1 build of B2B API platform for Image and Video services (~$1M MRR)
- B2C apps built: Dreamstudio.ai, StableVideo.com, and Stable Artisan (Discord bot), (~$1M MRR in total)
- Project manager (GTM, release mgmt.) for foundation models: Image (SD3, SDXL), Video (SVD), 3D (TripoSR, SV3D), Audio (Stable Audio), and Language (Stable LM series)
- Migrated MLOps from Sagemaker/Coreweave to Stability cluster to increase reliability (from <80% to 99.5%)
- Partnered with sales on enterprise license deals with major clients in US, UK, and Australia ($3M+ ACV)
- Technical lead for distributor partnerships, including AWS Bedrock, Fireworks, and IBM ($21M+ ACV)

Petuum Inc. — Kubernetes-based ML Operations BACKED BY SOFTBANK — US (REMOTE)

Head of Product, Operations, and Business Development 2021 - 2022

- Managed 0-1 product development with 4 engineering squads (GUIs, Platform, Security, AI APIs)
- Established 2-week deployment process for LLMs / Image models on V-100 K8s clusters with custom UIs

Dell Technologies HOPKINTON, MA

Management Consultant, Corporate Strategy Consulting 2018 - 2020

- Projects: Data and AI M&A, zero-based budgeting ($40M+, RSA sales), hardware strategy (VMware & Dell)

Startup Founder Experience / Entrepreneurship CAMBRIDGE, MA AND AUSTIN, TX

AI Consulting Practice 2021 - Present

- Bespoke consulting for AI startups, strategic enterprises, and investors navigating the agent era

The World Bank Group WASHINGTON, DC

Developer and Analyst, Econometric Data Science at Development Economics Prospects Group 2012 - 2015

- Developed and managed iSimulate, the World Bank's primary macroeconomic forecasting platform
- Led the Data Science and Modeling team for World Bank's flagship publication Global Economic Prospects
- Created data pipelines, developed models, and deployed a multiplayer web app for predictive models

EDUCATION

Dartmouth College

Master of Business Administration, Tuck School of Business
Founder and Chair — Fintech Club
2016 - 2018 | Hanover, NH

Harvard University

Master of Public Administration, Harvard Kennedy School
2015 - 2017 | Cambridge, MA

Amherst College

Bachelor of Arts in Economics, focus on Computer Science and Econometrics
2007 - 2011 | Amherst, MA