MIZHAR RAJA

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PROFILE

Software engineer with 10+ years of full-stack experience and 50+ delivered projects - from enterprise systems and e-commerce automation to fintech platforms. Currently CTO at Finovation Technologies, leading the engineering behind fund-management technology recognised at the FinX Awards 2026. AI-augmented workflow: prompt engineering and AI-assisted development as daily practice.

EXPERIENCE

2024 - Present	**Finovation Technologies - Chief Technology Officer (CTO)** Leading engineering and architecture for fintech, including a CRM trading platform.
2023 - 2024	**Arasan New Zealand - Full Stack & Mobile Developer** Websites and mobile apps for Tamil media brands Arasan TV, Arasan News and Arasan Radio.
2022 - 2023	**AdsflyCircle - Senior Full Stack Developer** Adtech platform: scalable backends, APIs, repricing and automation products.
2018 - 2022	**Silver Rays Technologies (adsfly.lk) - Senior Full Stack Developer** Led architecture and development of enterprise-scale applications.
2017 - 2018	**Excellence Code, Dubai (UAE)** Corporate and campaign websites for a creative agency serving UAE clients.
2015 - 2017	**Prego International, Dubai (UAE)** Agency web development, incl. work on paralympic.org and UAE national sports sites.
2014 - 2015	**Incitomedia, Puttalam (Sri Lanka)** First full-time role - LAMP stack, white-label projects for clients worldwide.
2013 - 2014	**Imara Software Solutions - Software Development Intern** Puttalam (Sri Lanka) software house - e-commerce builds (Magento, OpenCart) and custom software.

EDUCATION

2023 - 2025	**MSc in Software Engineering** Enterprise software development, cloud architecture, advanced web technologies.
2012 - 2014	**BTEC HND in Computing - BCAS City Campus / Edexcel (UK)** 16-unit internationally recognised vocational qualification.
2011 - 2012	**ACCESS Programme (Degree Foundation) - BCAS - Top performer** Six certificates earned, two awarded directly by UK partner institutions.
2010 - 2011	**Hardware with Networking - ICBT City Campus**
1997 - 2008	**Puttalam Hindu Central College - Grade 3 to 13** Grade 5 Scholarship passed - G.C.E. O/L completed - G.C.E. A/L completed.
1995 - 1996	**Puttalam Fathima Balika Maha Vidyalaya - Grade 1 to 2**

AWARDS

FinX Awards 2026 - Elite Fund Management Technology Support, Sri Lanka (Finovation)
FinX Awards 2026 - Innovative Investment Fund, Sri Lanka

AI & PROMPT ENGINEERING

Prompt Engineering - AI-Assisted Development (ChatGPT, Claude, GitHub Copilot, Cursor, Gemini)
LLM API integration (OpenAI / Claude) - AI chatbot development - AI code review & refactoring
AI workflow automation - RAG & AI knowledge bases - AI image generation (Midjourney, DALL-E)

CORE SKILLS

Modern stack: TypeScript - Node.js - Tailwind CSS - Livewire/Alpine.js - REST & GraphQL APIs -
CI/CD (GitHub Actions) - Redis & queues - WebSockets & real-time apps - Vite
PHP - Laravel - Filament - CodeIgniter - CakePHP - Yii - JavaScript - Vue - React - Next.js - jQuery
Mobile: Android - Kotlin - Flutter - React Native - Swift
Databases: MySQL - MariaDB - PostgreSQL - SQLite - MongoDB - Firebase - Supabase - Oracle - Redis
AWS (EC2, RDS, S3, Lambda) - Docker - Git - Selenium - WordPress - WooCommerce - Joomla - Python - C#
MT4/MQL4 - Google Apps Script - Figma

EXTRA-CURRICULAR & SPORTS

Football - main squad player, Puttalam Wimbledon Soccer Club (2005 - present)
Hardball cricket - school team (2005 - 2008) - Chess player
Athletics - 100m, 200m, 400m, long jump & high jump - school-level medals and certificates