

# Dhananjay Kakade

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## Summary

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Full Stack Developer with hands-on experience in **microservices, REST APIs, and cloud deployments**. Built a live SaaS platform (100+ users) and IoT solutions for real clients. Strong backend skills in Node.js, TypeScript, and MongoDB.

## Experience

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**Backend Developer Intern** | *vtex.ai*, Pune (Remote) Sep 2025 – Nov 2025

- Built **microservices** for LMS platform using **Node.js, MongoDB, Redis** with deployments on **Render**
- Implemented **caching with Upstash Redis** reducing API latency by 30% for frequently accessed user data
- Integrated **MeiliSearch** for search and **ZeptoMail** for email services enhancing platform functionality

**Freelance Full Stack Developer** | *Self-Employed*, Remote Jun 2024 – Present

- Developed an **IoT-based Water Tank Monitoring System** for **GK Mirai Society, Pune (PCMC)** using **ESP32 and Ultrasonic Sensors**, enabling real-time water level tracking
- Built backend and dashboard using **Next.js (API routes), Node.js, MongoDB, and TypeScript**, enabling automated alerts and reducing manual monitoring by **80%**
- Collaborated with **Artwala Foundation** to develop and maintain a **web platform**, improving digital presence and operational workflows
- Designed and deployed scalable full-stack solutions using **Next.js, Express.js, TypeScript, and REST APIs**, ensuring high performance, reliability, and maintainability

## Education

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**MES, Institute of Management & Career Courses (IMCC)**, Pune, MCA Sept 2024 – May 2026

- Led sprint planning and task tracking for a 4-member team using **Agile (Scrum)** and **Jira**, improving iteration speed and ensuring consistent on-time project delivery

**Modern College, Pune**, BSc in Computer Science Jul 2021 – May 2024

- Ranked in the **top 5%** of the class out of 120+ students based on academic performance.

## Projects

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**Evolve AI – Automated System Using Gemini APIs for intelligent code evaluation** GitHub

- Built an **AI-powered grading system** using **Gemini AI** and a **microservices-based backend** (Node.js/Express), handling **100+ concurrent submissions** and reducing manual review time by **60%**; optimized APIs and database queries to improve performance by **35%**

**HowToStartAStartup – SaaS Platform for Founders** Live

- Built a **SaaS platform** to help users go from idea to execution with structured startup guidance, currently serving **100+ active users**
- Developed scalable full-stack architecture using **Next.js (API routes), MongoDB, and TypeScript** with optimized backend logic and API design
- Implemented **user authentication using Clerk, dynamic content delivery, and dashboard features** to improve user engagement and retention

## Technical Skills

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**Advanced:** JavaScript, React, MongoDB, Node.js, Express.js, TypeScript, PostgreSQL, Prisma ORM, Docker, API Design, Microservices, RESTful APIs, Git/GitHub, Nginx

**Intermediate:** Redux, Redis, Golang, Tailwind CSS, HTML5, CSS, C++

## Achievements

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- **Runner up, GDG InnoVYuh Hackathon 2025** – Led 4-member team to build AI grading system; ranked top among 100+ teams
- **9+ Hackathons Participated** – Strong experience in rapid prototyping, team leadership, and delivering under pressure