



Obaid Ahmed

Winner of the “Young Entrepreneur” Award Category

Co-founder

OAK Computing

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Obaid Ahmed is Co-founder of OAK computing, located in the ByWard market. Obaid has managed several start-up companies in the software design and development field. He has founded *DeenSoft*, a software development firm that engaged and supported 7 contractors, designers and developers; Launched *IslamicSMS* which texted prayer time reminders to subscribers; Created *MrTextbooks.com*, a textbook rental system for students; Developed *Mazaydar*, a Yelp-like website for restaurants in Pakistan; Co-founded *OAK Computing* in 2011, a full service software design and development company with its own proprietary web engine that allows end users to create and launch simple/elegant websites with minimal effort in less than 10 minutes.

Significantly, he has also mentored other businesses – giving advice and the benefit of his own experience, as well as space, resources and access to a network of contacts.

Obaid has not only given to the local entrepreneurship community but also has donated a significant amount of pro-bono services to non-profit organizations in Ottawa, related to advancement/ building of their technology at no-cost, including for *Apt613*, *CISED*, *Hub Ottawa* and *One Prosper*. He is currently working with *Hidden Harvest Ottawa* as well as leading the design/development of *Social Wallet*, a mobile based micro- donation platform that will be released under the OAK banner in early 2013.