





# Ali Rana

Technology Evangelist | Head of IT | AI Strategy & Architecture | Digital Transformation Leader

 Global mobility | Open to roles in US, Australia, or Asia-Pacific (remote/hybrid)

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## Profile Summary

Senior technology leader with 20+ years' experience driving IT strategy, solution architecture, and innovation across EdTech, telco, and consulting. Proven ability to simplify complexity, modernise systems, and align technology with strategic business goals. Trusted to lead cross-functional teams, enable AI adoption, and steer enterprise platforms through change, with a focus on scale, usability, and value.

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## Select Achievements

- **Enabled AI in education** through the Cogniti.ai rollout—pioneering GenAI use in academic environments
- **Created a cross-functional IT Projects Office**, aligning delivery across 40+ initiatives in Navitas
- **Co-authored the One Navitas Blueprint**, informing group-wide CRM and platform architecture decisions
- **Led ISO27001 remediation efforts**, ensuring divisional IT alignment and compliance
- **Designed IT architecture for CSU campuses**, replacing a failed delivery model with a scalable solution
- **Modernised procurement**, achieving licensing savings across Adobe, Canvas, and Slack

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## Key Experience

### Head of IT – Navitas (2022–Present)

Leads global strategy, operations, and digital transformation for Navitas' Careers & Industry division. Oversees a 21-person team across four countries and drives AI enablement, platform integration, and operational maturity.

### Manager – Analytics & Innovation, Deakin University

Delivered Deakin's flagship Learning Analytics platform and a full-stack cloud timetabling tool used by 15K+ students. Helped shift university culture through agile delivery and data strategy.

### Consultant – IMA & Huawei

Directed complex IT rollouts and led award-winning LTE deployments across the Middle East. Bridged enterprise technology and business impact across multiple global clients.

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## Toolkit

Atlassian Suite | Miro | GitLab | AWS | Azure | Salesforce | Navigate | Power BI | Python | Tableau | React | Node.js | MongoDB | scikit-learn | Prompt Flow | Spark | Selenium | Pipefy | ArchiMate