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Biography

Dr. Nazir Hawi holds the position of Full Professor within the Faculty of Natural and Applied Sciences at Notre Dame University-Louaize. He is the co-founder of the Institute of Internet and Technology Addiction at NDU and served as the Chair of its Board of Directors. Over the past four consecutive years, he has consistently ranked among the top 2% of scientists worldwide worldwide for five consecutive years based on Scopus data, compiled by scientists from Stanford University.

In his role, Dr. Hawi instructs a diverse range of courses, including Advanced Data Science, Information Presentation and Visualization, Advanced Programming Technologies, Advanced Software Development, Senior Study, Advanced Programming using Java, Systems Analysis and Design, Applied Operating Systems, Web Design, Program Design and Data Abstraction, Object-Oriented Design, Mobile App Development, Computer Programming II & I, and Computers and Their Use.

His primary research interests encompass the field of computers in human behavior, technology addiction, data mining, expert systems, computer science education, Internet addiction, Smartphone Addiction, and Video Gaming Disorder. At present, his research delves into interdisciplinary topics related to computer science, higher education, data mining, Internet addiction, screen devices, and smartphone addiction. Prior to the financial crises in Lebanon, he secured 4 consecutive grants from The National Council for Scientific Research Lebanon (CNRS).
Dr. Hawi is a recognized thought leader on digital addiction, having been interviewed by numerous local, regional, and international radio and television programs. He has also been a featured speaker at various educational and non-educational institutions. His contributions extend to published articles in Arabic, English, and French newspapers and websites. His latest appearance on CNBC, USA has accumulated over 3.5 million views.

Among his significant achievements, Dr. Hawi is known for publishing the first research on Internet Addiction in the Arab world. He has also developed and validated the first published Digital Addiction Scale for Children globally, translated and validated the Internet Addiction Test and Internet Gaming Disorder scales into Arabic, which have been widely sought after by researchers across at least 15 Arab countries. Additionally, he is credited with coining the terms "e-discipline" and "EM-Factor" in the context of Internet Addiction.

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