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## Top Skills

Developer Relations

Blockchain

Ethereum

## Languages

Tamil

English (Professional Working)

Hindi (Elementary)

## Certifications

BTA Blockchain Security Training

IBM Blockchain Essentials

Master Ethereum & Solidity Programming: Build Real-World Apps

Blockchain with Data Science

Blockchain Architecture Design and Use Cases

## Honors-Awards

Most Innovative Startup of the year 2018

Values Award

Employee of the Month - Dec '19

# Shri Raghu Raaman Thiyagharajan

Simplifying web3 for developers | Developer Relations | Author of "Building Decentralized Applications with Ethereum and Solidity"
Greater Toronto Area, Canada

## Summary

Bringing clarity to Web3 complexity, I empower developers with the tools, support, and knowledge to build tomorrow's decentralized applications.

As a blockchain developer turned Developer Relations expert, I specialize in bridging cutting-edge protocols with real-world innovation. My journey spans hands-on smart contract development —crafting secure, upgradable solutions and contributing to standards like ERC-20, ERC-721, and ERC-1155 for NFTs, gaming, and DeFi —to fostering ecosystem growth in the dynamic Web3 landscape.

I'm proud to announce my book, Building Decentralized Applications with Ethereum and Solidity, now available on Amazon and AVA Books. This practical guide distills my expertise into a roadmap for developers, simplifying blockchain development and empowering readers to create impactful DApps. Grab your copy here: Amazon International: https://rb.gy/z65gz2 | Amazon India: https://rb.gy/wg3gxa

At Kava Chain, I drive developer adoption by:

• Integrating tools and forging partnerships with validators, RPC providers, and analytics platforms.
• Supporting high-impact launches like HARD.fun and Kava DeAI.
• Crafting documentation, tutorials, and FAQs to elevate the developer experience.
• Leading initiatives like the $750M Kava Rise fund and a $300M incubation fund, powering integrations like Kinetix and WAGMI.

I thrive at the intersection of technology and community, connecting protocol teams with developers to deliver feedback, foster

collaboration, and fuel ecosystem growth. Passionate about unlocking blockchain's potential, I'm excited to build the next wave of decentralized innovation with you.

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## Experience

Kava Labs Inc
Senior Developer Relations Engineer
April 2023 - Present (2 years 4 months)
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

At Kava Labs, I focus on empowering developers and partners to build decentralized applications on Kava's EVM-compatible blockchain while expanding the ecosystem through strategic initiatives.

Integrated developer tools and partnered with key infrastructure providers (validators, RPC services, analytics tools) to enhance the developer experience.
Played a key role in launching flagship products like HARD.fun (meme token launchpad) and Kava DeAI (decentralized AI initiative).
Improved onboarding by enhancing documentation, tutorials, and FAQs, helping developers seamlessly adopt Kava's platform.
Worked on the Kava Rise program, a $750M developer fund to onboard and support DApps.
Supported the $300M incubation fund, successfully integrating key dApps like Kinetix and WAGMI into the ecosystem.
Facilitated the launch and integration of Tether (USDT) and BitGo WBTC, driving liquidity and platform utility.
Acted as the bridge between developers and protocol teams, creating a seamless feedback loop for platform improvements.

Pixel Vault
Solidity Developer
May 2022 - January 2023 (9 months)
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

At Pixel Vault, I contributed to building NFT-based gaming and DeFi applications by implementing secure and scalable smart contract solutions.

Developed contracts leveraging ERC-721 and ERC-1155 standards for NFT staking, minting, airdrops, and burning mechanisms.

Built smart contract functionality for game backends, ensuring smooth and secure interactions between tokens and users.

## Alkemi
Solidity Developer
September 2020 - May 2022 (1 year 9 months)
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

As a Solidity Developer at Alkemi Network, I played a crucial role in bridging CeFi to DeFi by building a decentralized liquidity network with a suite of tools and products that served as onramps for everyone to participate in DeFi. I worked on building a decentralized borrowing and lending protocol with a focus on security and scalability.

Developed upgradable smart contracts adhering to best practices using Solidity and tools like Hardhat and OpenZeppelin.
Played a key role in ensuring Quantstamp-audited security standards, delivering robust and secure financial primitives.
Enabled seamless on-chain liquidity through decentralized borrowing and lending mechanisms on the Ethereum Mainnet.

## EMURGO
AGM - Blockchain Evangelist, Developer and Trainer | Evangelist for Cardano Blockchain
September 2019 - August 2020 (1 year)
Bengaluru, Karnataka

At EMURGO, I contributed to expanding blockchain education and adoption through training, consulting, and developer advocacy.

Trained 1,000+ professionals and students on blockchain concepts, including Ethereum, Hyperledger, Solidity, and smart contract security.
Conducted hands-on workshops covering unit testing, auditing, and real-world blockchain applications.
Played a key role in evangelizing Cardano blockchain, developing educational content and fostering collaborations with academic institutions.
Helped grow a strong blockchain talent pool by simplifying complex technologies into accessible learning materials.

This role further honed my skills in developer education and advocacy, laying the groundwork for engaging technical communities effectively.

CelebratON.in
Technical Co-Founder and CEO
December 2017 - August 2019 (1 year 9 months)
Chennai Area, India

As a co-founder of CelebratON.in, an online event essentials aggregator, I managed both technical development and business strategy.

Developed the application architecture using Next.js, Node.js, and MongoDB, ensuring scalability and performance.
Pitched the platform to investors and stakeholders, strengthening my public speaking and business storytelling skills.
Gained a deep understanding of product development, aligning technology with business requirements to solve real-world problems.

This experience sharpened my ability to communicate technical concepts to non-technical audiences, a skill central to developer advocacy.

Blockchain
Blockchain Trainer, Consultant and Developer
June 2016 - August 2019 (3 years 3 months)
India

As a blockchain trainer and consultant, I empowered learners to build foundational and advanced blockchain skills

Conducted training sessions on Bitcoin, Ethereum, and Solidity, tailoring content for developers and businesses.
Simplified complex blockchain concepts into accessible material, enabling diverse learners to adopt emerging technologies.
Consulted for businesses on blockchain integration and application development, aligning tech solutions with business goals.

This role solidified my passion for teaching and engaging with developer communities, skills I continue to apply as a Developer Relations Engineer.

Barclays
Assistant Manager - Financial Analyst
October 2016 - December 2017 (1 year 3 months)
Chennai Area, India

As a valued member of the Business Planning & Analysis team in the Investment Banking division at Barclays, I was entrusted with ensuring that

all ledger entries were meticulously accurate and complied with regulatory standards. This critical responsibility also entailed generating detailed reports, managing the internal hierarchy management tool, and overseeing key technical upgrades to improve productivity and robustness. In this role, I successfully collaborated with the technical team to translate business needs into technical specifications, and my exceptional performance consistently exceeded expectations.

## Standard Chartered Bank
Product Control Specialist
November 2015 - September 2016 (11 months)
Chennai Area, India

As a member of the Product Control Sales team, I ensured accurate and compliant ledger entries for the Rates business vertical at a top-tier investment bank. My responsibilities included analyzing trends, generating daily and monthly trade commentaries, and reconciling various ledgers to produce quarterly reports for the Investment Banking division.

In addition, I led automation initiatives to increase team productivity by 20%, leveraging Excel VBA, Python, and other scripting languages to automate simple daily reports such as country-wise and product-wise trades.

## UBS ISC - Cognizant Technology Services
Research Associate in Equities
May 2014 - October 2015 (1 year 6 months)
Hyderabad Area, India

As a diligent buy-side analyst, I was tasked with conducting extensive analysis of the global equities market and providing insightful reports to our esteemed clientele. Working with the Investment Banking division of Cognizant, my work focused on analyzing publicly traded stocks within the technology and media sectors of the European market. My regular reports, produced on a fortnightly basis, provided valuable insights to our customers, who were prominent investment banks from around the world.

## Hyundai Motor India Ltd
Summer Internship
April 2013 - June 2013 (3 months)
Chennai, India

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## Education

Bharathidasan Institute of Management Tiruchirapalli
Master of Business Administration (MBA), Finance · (2012 - 2014)

Global Association of Risk Professionals (GARP)
Financial Risk Manager - Part 1, Risk Management, Finance · (2015 - 2015)

CFA Institute
Chartered Financial Analyst - Level 1, Finance · (2013 - 2013)

SRR Engineering College
Bachelor of Engineering (BE), Computer Science Engineering · (2008 - 2012)

DAV Matriculation Higher Secondary School
HSC, Computer Science · (2006 - 2008)