**Title**:  
 **YouthPlatform: A Django Web App Empowering Somali Youth with Training, Jobs & Networking**

**Preferred Format**:  
 Case Study

**Abstract**:  
 In this case study, I will present **YouthPlatform**, a web-based application built to serve Somali youth aged 18–30 by providing access to skill-based training, job opportunities, and networking tools. The platform offers a dedicated learning space, community interaction, and support for career development — all designed with accessibility and local needs in mind.

YouthPlatform is developed using Django and Tailwind CSS, with deployment handled through Render and SQLite for the database. Initially launched in April 2024, the platform has now reached its version 1.0 milestone, offering a stable set of features. I will walk the audience through the system’s architecture, challenges faced while working with limited backend resources, and the roadmap for future features — including the integration of REST API and JWT authentication to enhance mobile access and secure data exchange.

Attendees will gain practical insight into how Django can be used to build social-impact platforms, how to transition from monolithic web systems to API-based architectures, and why building for local communities is a powerful form of innovation.

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