Collins HAYA - Java Software Engineer

Java Backend Engineer with 6 certifications and 3 years of professional experience in backend development and IT support. Skilled in Java, SQL and RESTful services. Developed and optimized 12+ backend solutions, contributing to secure and efficient systems that enhance business operations. Experienced in delivering high-quality code and maintaining rigorous performance standards while collaborating with cross-functional international teams across the USA, Europe, and Africa. Strong sense of ownership, with a track record of resolving complex issues on schedule, consistently contributing to the success of both team and project goals.

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Cotonou, BENIN (open to relocate)

WORK EXPERIENCE

New Vision Group SA Lokossa, BENIN

JAVA Software Engineer

June 2024 - PRESENT

New Vision Group SA, is a leading international tender response company specializing in social impact projects across West Africa and international trade.

- Designed and developed SmartKitManager, a Java-based logistics management system handling distribution of 50,000+ educational kits across 200+ schools in Benin and Cameroon for a Plan International project, reducing kit assembly errors by 25% and improving distribution efficiency by 40%.
- Created an automated inventory synchronization feature within SmartKitManager, reducing manual data entry by 75% and enabling real-time tracking of items across multiple warehouses.
- Spearheaded the development of NVG's trilingual corporate website using HTML5,
 CSS3, JavaScript and PHP, implementing responsive design and custom animations, which increased international client engagement by 30%.
- Optimized website performance through advanced caching and lazy loading techniques, resulting in a 60% improvement in page load times and a 35% increase in mobile user retention.

Tech Stack: Java, Apache Tomcat, REST APIs, HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript, PHP, Git, MySQL

Freelance

Software Developer

Cotonou, BENIN

October 2021 - May 2024

Independent software developer specializing in **educational platforms**, **business process automation**, and **data management solutions** with a focus on **scalable and efficient applications** for institutions and enterprises.

 Architected and deployed a comprehensive student management platform for ESSF University serving 3,000+ users across 4 distinct roles (students, administrators, professors, parents), resulting in 70% reduction in administrative processing time and 90% improvement in communication efficiency.

SKILLS

Backend: Java, PHP, Python, SQL, MySQL, Neo4j, Cypher Query Language, Servlets, REST APIs, Spring Boot

Frontend: HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript (ES2023+), AJAX, jQuery- Responsive Web Design

Tools & Platforms: Git, GitHub, Docker, Azure DevOps, AWS Lambda Development Methodology: M Agile, Test-Driven Development, CI/CD

REFERENCES

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LANGUAGES

English, fluent German, beginner French, native

- Led a data engineering team of 4 in creating a Neo4J graph database
 management system integrating Python automation and Cypher queries,
 processing 50,000+ records from web-scraped datasets, supporting 3
 concurrent data analysts with 60% faster data integration time.
- Designed and implemented OneClick DialSync Bénin, a Progressive Web App handling phone number format migration, processing 1,000 contacts in under 400ms with 65/100 Lighthouse performance score, serving 400+ users across Benin with zero data privacy incidents.
- Collaborated with a team of 3 developers and 2 UX designers to engineer a
 customer order management system for Graines du Tropique
 (agribusiness) using AJAX, JAVA and MySQL, processing 500+ daily orders
 and serving 12+ staff members across 3 locations, while improving order
 fulfillment accuracy by 85%.
- Developed a showcase website for ESSF University using HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and PHP, leading to a 45% increase in student enrollment inquiries and reducing information request response time by 65%.

Tech Stack: Neo4j, Python, JAVA, AJAX, jQuery, Git, REST APIs, HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript (ES2023+), PHP, MySQL, Progressive Web Apps, Graph Databases, Cypher Query Language

EDUCATION

École Supérieure Sainte Félicité

Godomey, BENIN

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Engineering January 2021 – June 2023

EU Blue Card eligible university & degree. **Top 10%** of my class.

Learned about Web Development, Software Engineering, Algorithms and Databases

PROJECTS

Active contributor to open-source projects, focusing on code quality improvement, error handling, and documentation enhancement across multiple enterprise-level repositories.

- Enhanced MyFinances codebase by implementing modular caching system and error handling framework, reducing code duplication and improving maintainability score by 25%.
- Architected Scribe-Data CLI error handling system for metadata validation, preventing system crashes while maintaining 99.9% uptime and reducing runtime failures by 90%.
- Designed and documented Conda's channel cloning system and RSS feed integration, reducing support tickets and enabling real-time package monitoring for 3000+ users.

Tech Stack: CLI Development, Error Handling, System Architecture, Technical Documentation