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SOFTWARE ENGINEER

I'm a software engineer with a focus on back-end development. I'm passionate about building cool stuff and creating technology that makes a difference. Whether it's improving user experiences or enhancing the efficiency of business processes, I'm dedicated to crafting exceptional digital experiences. Seeking opportunities to collaborate and to help solve complex technical challenges and deliver innovative solutions.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming languages: Python, PHP, JavaScript, TypeScript, C
Web development: HTML5, CCS3, JavaScript
Frameworks: Django, Node.js, Laravel
Database management: MySQL, MongoDB
Tools and Technologies: Git, GitHub, Visual Studio Code, Docker, Figma, Adobe creative cloud

SOFT SKILLS

Problem Solving | Time-management | Strong oral and written communication skills | Leadership | Team Collaboration | Analytical thinking | Attention to details | Strong presentation skills | Proficient in Swahili & English

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Freelance Software Engineer   June 2024 - Present
Upwork Freelancer

- **Collaboration:** Collaborated with diverse clients on Upwork to develop custom software solutions tailroed to their business needs.
- **Communication:** Communicated effectively with clients to gather requirements, provide progress updates amd deliver final products.
- **Project management:** Managed projects timelines and budgets to ensure on-time delivery and client satisfaction.

Freelance Graphic Designer   August 2023 – Present
Upwork Freelancer

- **Project collaboration:** Collaborated with a wide range of clients, from startups to established businesses, to develop custom branding materials, including logos, business cards, and marketing collateral. Designed a brand identity for a boutique, increasing brand recognition and customer engagement.
- **Web design:** designed visually appealing and user-friendly websites, focusing on responsive layouts and intuitive navigation for optimal user experience. Designed a website for a photographer, leading to increase in client inquiries and bookings.
- **Illustrated infographics**: Conceptualized and illustrated original artwork for print and digital media, including posters, brochures, and digital illustrations.
- **Social media Ad:** Produced eye-catching social media graphics and campaigns, enhancing brand visibility and engagement across various platforms. Designed a social media Ad for a local restaurant, resulting in increase in online followers and customer interactions.
- **Brand strategy communication:** Provided clients with comprehensive brand strategy consultations, guiding them on visual identity, color schemes, typography, and brand messaging. Conducted a brand research for small businesses, resulting in a clearer brand vision and cohesive brand representation.

PROJECTS

Online Bookstore (Web Application):
- Developed a full-stack web application for an online bookstore using React for the front end and Node.js for the back end.Implemented user authentication, book search functionality, and shopping cart features.Used MongoDB to manage book inventory and user data.Collaborated with a team of three peers, using GitHub for version control and project management

Chat Application (Real-time Messaging):
- Developed a real-time chat application using Python and WebSocket for communication.Implemented features such as user registration, login, and messaging.Utilized Flask framework for the back end and Bootstrap for responsive design.

EDUCATION

Software Engineering | Power Learn Project (PLP)	May 2024 - Sept 2024
Software Engineering | ALX AFRICA	Aug 2023 - Sept 2024
Graphic Design | Laton Impression Training Institute	2023
Degree in BSc Biochemistry | University of Nairobi	2018 - 2022
High School | Dagoretti High School	2014 - 2017

REFEREES

Available upon request