

# Alt— School



Experience  
Guide

# Welcome

Hello!

My name is Jerry, and on behalf of the AltSchool Africa team, we're so glad you made it to this point. You've taken the first step on an audacious journey. If you stay on course, you'd be sure to experience a great deal of growth and development.

Here we go!



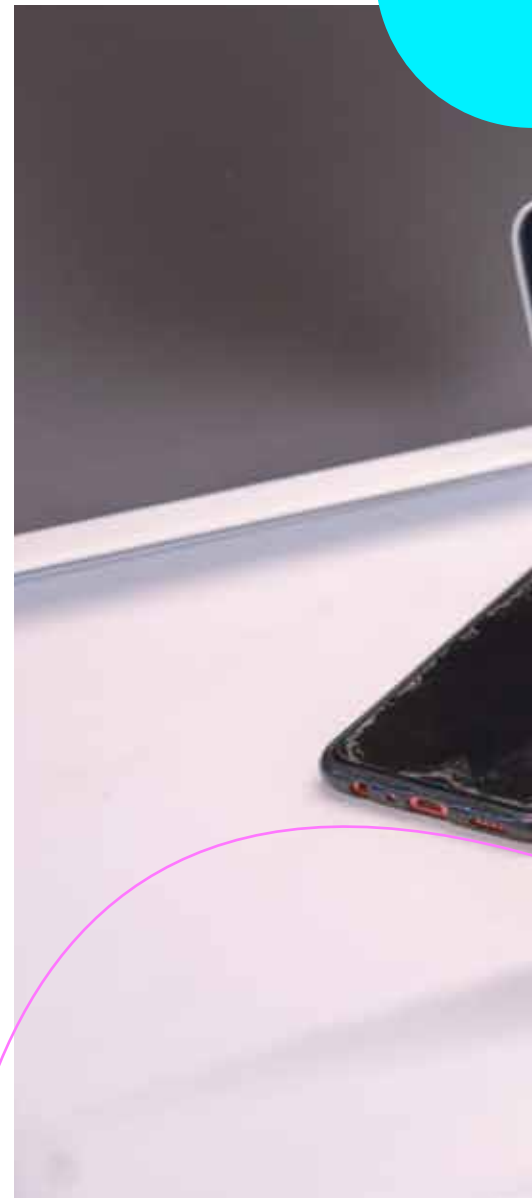
# School of Engineering

I'm wondering if I already said congratulations! You deserve all the accolades. Before now, you might have wondered what this experience is all about. I know, you have the perfect idea of what this is, but I'll still give you a definition.

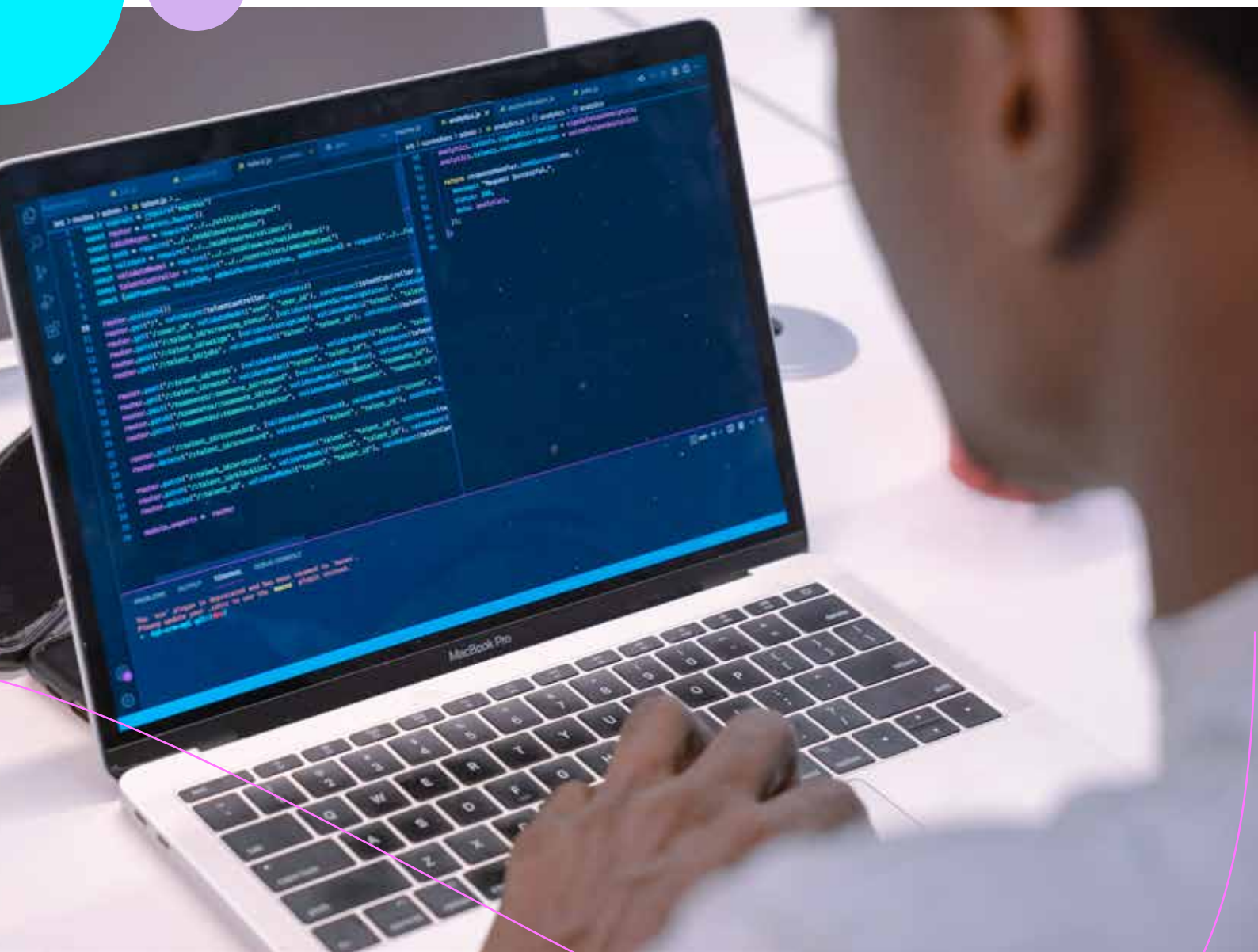
AltSchool Africa's School of Engineering is a learning initiative created with an intent to help thousands of Africans learn the necessary tech skills required for them to add positive value to engineering teams spread across the world.

The reason why we are on this mission is a glaring one. We believe that far beyond natural endowments, Africa's biggest assets will continue to be its people. Our people are superstars, they excel in everything they do. The world, on the other hand, has advanced in many ways. Today, engineering teams all over the world are on a constant search for problem-solvers who can combine skill and ability to find solutions. Our people are already doing this in many ways, but there's room for a whole more.

This is our way of ensuring that more Africans get to reach that stage where they can maximize their potential, solving problems and giving value, as superstars that they are, starting with you.







# What You'll Learn

The goal is to get you equipped with everything you need to excel in your tech career. This includes a combination of technical and non-technical skills. As you already know, we've got 3 learning tracks, which are:

- Front End Engineering
- Back End Engineering
- Cloud/ DevOps Engineering

To add to this, some other major concepts we'd be factoring in are:

- Use of English
- Soft Skills
- Scrum
- Open Source
- Technical Writing
- Interview Preparations

At the end of the 9 months of this experience, you'd be ready to join any team, anywhere in the world, and kill it! Brace up, this is going to be quite a journey. I know you're bringing your A game.





# Resources

## Virtual Workspace (Slack)

Our primary communication channel will be Slack. Slack will serve as the medium for passing important information and giving updates. The app will also be our means for giving feedback, and serve as our playground all through this experience. You'll be getting an invite to join the workspace.



## Learning Management System (LMS)

The LMS is where all our learning will take place. You'll get access to watch learning content videos, attempt quizzes, and even give feedback on each lesson, all in one space! From start to finish, the LMS will be with you, I advise that you get familiar immediately you get that invite to sign up on the LMS.



## Hopin/Meet/Zoom

Right from the start, we'll need to see ourselves a lot for a bunch of reasons; meetings, design feedback sessions, learning circle meetups, fun sessions, and more. We'd need some of these virtual conferencing tools to make sure that we keep up with ourselves.



# Key Players

As much as we'd love to, we won't be able to have everyone complete this journey. Some of your colleagues will have to leave us when we hit certain milestones. You know, rules and all. It's important that you reciprocate the energy we'd be giving to you from day 1 to the last day. Let's look at some of the critical factors to your journey.

## **Attendance**

You'd need to show up for at least 80% of the time you'd be required to show up. Please, show up, it's the first step to achieving anything, and we recognize how important it is. You'd need to start off with a high level of consistency, and maintain it.

## **Assessments**

We'd be measuring how well you do with tasks and assessments right from the jump. How well you do on these assessments will contribute to your ability to continue with us, or not. We understand you may not be the best at this thing just yet. However, it'd be nice to see some improvement as we proceed.





## Engagement

I think I mentioned earlier, we'd like to really feel your energy throughout this experience. The only way we can do this is when you engage. Please try to show up, engage, and express yourself as well. You know that thing our teachers used to say about passing through school and also letting school pass through you? Yea, that part.



# Feedback

We'd really love it if you can share suggestions on how we can make this experience a more fulfilling one for you as we proceed with the journey. A separate channel exists on your Slack workspace for this sole purpose. Please, feel absolutely free to drop feedback and suggestions as they come to you.

You made it this far? I'm happy to see we're getting along so well. I really can't wait to meet you. Wishing you godspeed on this audacious journey!

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