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Highly motivated and results-oriented Software Developer with 4 years of experience building and maintaining web applications. Proven ability to deliver high-quality, scalable solutions using R, the Shiny Framework, and Digital Ocean. Passionate about creating user-friendly and efficient software.

Work Experience

Software Developer

Actuarial Services (EA) Ltd - Nairobi

January 2022 to Present

- Revolutionized the efficiency of runoff triangle processing by implementing a system for general valuation of actuarial claims, slashing the processing time dramatically from 2 hours to just 10 seconds. This breakthrough significantly boosted overall analytical productivity and accuracy for client projects.
- Improved efficiency and accuracy in data handling by 50% by developing a web application to automate excel-to-csv conversion and merge large, multi-file datasets into a single, consolidated file.

Assistant Software Developer

Actuarial Services (EA) Ltd - Nairobi

July 2021 to December 2021

- Enabled effortless and quick performance evaluation of the various classes of the insurance industry by architecting a web application that offers interactive analysis and visualization capabilities.
- Optimized the performance of R Shiny applications through deployment using Docker and ShinyProxy. This enabled the apps to scale to tens of thousands of users without compromising performance.

R & Shiny Developer

Freelance

May 2020 to June 2021

- Built interactive data visualization applications for clients from diverse industries, including finance, healthcare, and e-commerce.

Education

BSC in Actuarial Science

University of Nairobi - Nairobi

September 2018 to September 2022

High School Diploma

Alliance High School - Kiambu

January 2014 to November 2017

Core Skills

- R (Programming Language)
- Cloud Computing (Digital Ocean)
- CI/CD
- RESTful API Design & Development
- Problem Solving & Debugging
- Version Control (Git & GitHub)

Open-source Contributions

Here are some of my open-source contributions:

- 'micromodal' R package
 - Contribution: Author, maintainer
 - Description: An R package for creating simple and elegant modal dialogs in Shiny.
 - Link: [kennedymwavu/micromodal](https://kennedymwavu.github.io/micromodal/)
- 'frbs' R package
 - Contribution: Author, maintainer
 - Description: R wrapper for Google's Firebase Authentication REST API.
 - Link: [kennedymwavu/frbs](https://kennedymwavu.github.io/frbs/)
- 'ambiorix' R web framework
 - Contribution:
 - * Created an error handler method for the framework: [devOpifex/ambiorix/pull/64](https://github.com/devOpifex/ambiorix/pull/64)
 - * Created practical, end-to-end examples demonstrating the usage & capabilities of the ambiorix framework for tasks like building APIs, implementing routing, and achieving dynamic page rendering: ambiorix.dev/docs/examples
- 'polished' R package
 - Contribution: Improved UI interaction in the 'polished' package.
 - Description: Enhanced user interface elements by updating label 'for' attributes for better namespace management and adding 'control-label' classes to label elements, ensuring consistent margin alignment with `email_input()` elements. This contributed to a more intuitive and user-friendly experience in the package.
 - Link: [Tychobra/polished/pull/218](https://tychobra.github.io/polished/pull/218)
- 'ChainLadder' R package
 - Contribution: Identified and reported a critical bug in the `glmReserve()` function.
 - Description: Noticed and reported a typo in the function's source code, which was promptly acknowledged and fixed by the package maintainers. This contribution helped enhance the accuracy and reliability of the package.
 - Link: [mages/ChainLadder/issues/79](https://github.com/mages/ChainLadder/issues/79)

Referees

Available upon request.