

Hello,

My name is Monde Nyawose and I am a software developer/Project Manager based in sunny Durban, South Africa. I am currently working for AKF, a company in digital streaming and advertising, which is in the process of being acquired.

My journey started with my degree in Biochemistry obtained in 2014, which led to an interest in Bioinformatics, statistics and data. From there I moved on to learning code and revelled in the similarity it has with my chosen academic pursuits.

How does a software development career and a biological science degree complement each other? By giving it's students a vague but intrinsic understanding of complex systems. Business and finance are also complex systems made of smaller less complex parts. Hence my interest in project management/analysis roles which combines systems and attempts to produce optimal results through process.

In 2015 I co-founded an ecommerce startup that was acquired by Africa Fashion International with my partner Mr. Majola who has stayed on through the transition process. We were responsible for all client facing and supplier facing roles until we grew the team to ten people. We managed to raise almost R100 000 in seed funding through friends and angel investors in 2016. My secondary role was analytics to be used both internally for optimization and externally for the benefit of the CEO's presentations to various stakeholders. I left the company role of Lead Developer since I had received an offer from a well renowned agency I had always wanted to join. The rest of my history is in my CV and is no less interesting.

Outside of work, I enjoy writing long essays to give my own insight on some issues in Africa and the Middle East. I'm not an academic and much more hands on even though I do enjoy good math proofs and some linear algebra on specific problems sets. When I'm not indoors I enjoy downhill mountain-biking and hitting the surf for a good swim.

I hope this letter provides some insight into who I am, and hopefully as someone with something to offer.

Stay blessed.

ML. Nyawose

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