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## Professional Summary

I'm a passionate tech leader with over 2 years of experience in technology and blockchain, specialising in community-building, crypto education, and driving meaningful engagement in the developer ecosystem. I have proven ability to lead initiatives, organise events, and forge strategic partnerships that advance crypto adoption and innovation. I believe that with these I'll be able to be committed to Base's mission of creating a secure, user-friendly blockchain platform and fostering a thriving local and global crypto community.

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## Professional Experience

### Web3 and Blockchain Lead

*Freelance / Independent Contributor*

*October 2024 – Present*

- Lead the development and implementation of blockchain-focused initiatives, targeting developer onboarding and ecosystem growth.
- Organized hackathons and meetups in collaboration with Arbitrum, engaging over 500 participants.
- Partnered with key stakeholders, including Yellow Card and Base Devs team, to host successful campus events promoting blockchain adoption.
- Fostered developer collaboration and resource sharing through online forums and in-person events.

### Web Development and Payment Systems Specialist

*EduPay Project*

*September 2023 – October 2024*

- Designed and deployed a crypto-based school payment system integrating Coinbase's OnchainKit and wagmi for seamless transactions.

- Developed frontend features with React and Next.js, emphasising user experience and security.
- Championed community feedback to iterate on product design and enhance adoption.

## **Tech Community Organizer**

### *Various Tech Initiatives*

*2022 – Present*

- Built and managed active online forums and WhatsApp groups for local developers and crypto enthusiasts.
- Conducted educational sessions to simplify blockchain concepts and onboard newcomers to crypto technologies.
- Spearheaded initiatives to connect developers with resources, including tutorials and funding opportunities for projects.

## **MPesa Integration Specialist**

### *Freelance Projects*

*2020 – 2023*

- Provided customized solutions for businesses integrating MPesa payment systems, ensuring efficient and secure transactions.
- Delivered training to teams on using MPesa APIs to enhance their operational workflows.
- Achieved seamless API integration and troubleshooting for over 20 businesses in diverse sectors.

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## **My Skills**

- **Communication:** Strong verbal and written communication skills for technical and non-technical audiences.
- **Project Management:** Expertise in planning, executing, and managing projects within tight deadlines.
- **Technical Proficiency:** Proficient in blockchain development, smart contracts, and frontend frameworks (React, Next.js).
- **Community Building:** Experienced in organising events, fostering engagement, and managing online communities.
- **Analytical Thinking:** Strong qualitative and quantitative problem-solving skills, with a solutions-oriented mindset.

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## Education

- **Bachelor of Science in Computer Science**  
*Technical Univeristy of Kenya | 2023*
- **Certified Blockchain Developer**  
*Power Learn Project | 2024*

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## Community Engagements

- **Developer Ecosystem Facilitator:** Managed WhatsApp and Telegram groups for tech enthusiasts, fostering collaboration and mentorship.
- **Hackathon Mentor and Judge:** Volunteered at multiple hackathons to guide participants on blockchain project development.
- **Local Crypto Advocate:** Conducted outreach programs to educate the community on cryptocurrency security and best practices.

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## References

Available upon request.