ALEX KEMBOI About



Born on November 15th, 1995 in the heart of Kenya's Great Rift Valley, in the small village of Kerio Farm, Tarakwa Location, I was brought into the world amidst great joy and celebration. I am the third of five siblings, I was raised alongside my sisters Jackeline Cherotich, Faith Cheptoo, and my brothers Edwin Biwott, and Isaac Kimutai. Tragically, our father passed on when I and my siblings were just starting school, leaving our mother, a homemaker, to provide for the family on her own.

Despite the financial struggles we faced, Mum was determined to provide us with a quality education. After starting my education journey at Lingway & Kapjames Nursery School in 1999, I graduated to Lingway Primary School. However, my grades were not impressive, leading Mum to transfer me to a nearby academy, where I excelled and went from the bottom of the class to the top. The post-election violence in 2007 forced me to switch schools again, this time to Koiluget Primary School, where I maintained my position as a top student until I sat for my KCPE exams in 2009.

My strong performance earned me an admission to attend Chebara High School, where I excelled and scored straight As in Mathematics, Chemistry, and Physics. This in turn earned me an invitation to Kisii University to study Software Engineering, a long-held dream. Despite the challenges I faced, including a lack of access to a laptop, I persevered and learned a great deal about software development, including programming in C and Java, web development, and android app development. I developed a final year project, an app for making room reservations at the city center of Eldoret town.

I was an active participant in co-curricular activities in both high school and university, serving as a prefect, participating in science and mathematics contests, and representing my faculty in the university's student union. I also taught computer studies at several neighboring schools during my long holidays, honing my skills as an educator and leader. After graduation in 2018, I worked for several organizations, including the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC), the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS), and Ampath Plus.

With a keen entrepreneurial spirit, I started my own cyber café business, facing the challenges that came with running a startup with limited resources. Despite the difficulties, I am undeterred and continue to work on developing my skills, particularly in web development using HTML, CSS, JavaScript, React, NodeJS, MongoDB, CI/CD, AWS, Git & GitHub, Rest API, and GraphQL. I aspires to become a senior developer and make a positive impact in the world through technology.

When I am not working, I enjoys reading, traveling, making new friends, and playing chess. I am always eager to learn and challenge myself, taking inspiration from figures like Ben Carson and entrepreneurs like Elon Musk. Driven by my faith in God and my favorite verse, Philippians 4:13, I am dedicated to leaving the world a better place than I found it.

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