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PERSONAL STATEMENT

I'm a Software Engineer and Mastercard Foundation scholar with a passion for leveraging technology to address social challenges in healthcare and community development. Currently pursuing a BSc (Hons) in Software Engineering with a specialization in Machine Learning at African Leadership University (ALU). Skilled in full-stack development (React.js, Node.js, GraphQL) and equipped with strong leadership and communication abilities, I am seeking opportunities to build innovative tech products and contribute to sustainable socio-economic development in Rwanda.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

African Leadership University (ALU) – Kigali, Rwanda BSc (Hons) Software Engineering, Machine Learning specialization May 2023 - June 2026

Relevant Coursework: Machine Learning (Classification, Neural Networks, Pipelines), Web Infrastructure, Front-End Development, Mobile Development, Python, Databases.

Lycée Notre Dame De Cîteaux (LNDC) – Kigali, Rwanda General Diploma focused on MCB (Maths, Chemistry, and Biology) January 2019 - August 2022

PROFESSIONAL & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Full Stack Software Engineer - Full-time SokoFund (Umurava Subsidiary) – Kigali, Rwanda September 2024 - August 2025

- Built a responsive and intuitive payroll and HR management <u>platform</u> with **React.js, TypeScript, and MUI**.
- Worked on backend services using Node.js + ExpressJS, GraphQL API, and PostgreSQL
 Database supporting seamless user experience payroll automation, employee data
 management, and compliance workflows.
- Collaborated in an agile team to design scalable **HR-fintech** solutions, contributing to code reviews, app testing, and sprint planning.

Front-End Developer - Contract

June 2025 – August 2025

- **MondeVert** Kigali, Rwanda
 - Put together content for the website that aligns with MondeVert's brand and goals.
 - Utilized Nextjs and Tailwind to design and build a website that fits an Art-Environmental initiative.
 - Designed a user friendly <u>website</u> and optimised it for SEO.

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Media Intern

March 2022 - December 2022

Nasho Irrigation Cooperative (NAICO) - Kirehe, Rwanda

- Leveraged digital marketing strategies to improve cooperative visibility, boosting accessibility to private agricultural markets by 12% through story-writing and social media management.
- Contributed to long-term cooperative sustainability and development by facilitating digital marketing for Howard G. Buffett Foundation-funded Nasho irrigation project.

PROJECTS

<u>Empower Women Rwanda</u>: This company focuses on supporting women's learning and development in four main sectors; Agriculture, liveStock farming, Business, and Digital Business sectors. The organization's website is built with **Reactjs** and **Tailwind**.

<u>Mfasha</u>: A **Flutter** mobile app providing emergency preparedness knowledge and health literacy (using Gemini) to Rwandans.

<u>HealthSpot</u>: A **XGBoost ML mode**l that uses satellite imagery to identify areas in Rwanda with little access to health facilities and suggest optimal locations for building health facilities.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Break Into Tech Initiative – Kigali, Rwanda **Role: Communication Volunteer Manager**

March 2024 - August 2024

- Managed club communications, identifying and disseminating global job/internship opportunities to students, and overseeing the club's mentorship program.
- Fostered partnerships with relevant school departments to promote initiatives and secure sponsorships for events like hackathons and tech training.

Google Developers Group (GDG) – Kigali, Rwanda Role: Member

March 2024 - August 2024

- Participated in GDG's hackathons and events, as a programmer, such as the recent Build with Al Event Series, and the subsequent hackathon.
- Regularly attend meetups and share knowledge with fellow GDG members.

Global Al Summit 2025 - Kigali, Rwanda

March 2024 - August 2024

Attended the summit as a representative of MasterCard Scholars studying at ALU.

TRAINING & CERTIFICATIONS

ALX – Kigali, Rwanda Certificate: Salesforce Administrator, Salesforce Associate

March 2024 - August 2024

- Covered Salesforce Clouds (Sales, Service), Object Management, Customization, Professional Skills.

SheCanCode School – Kigali, Rwanda Certificate: Front-End Web-Developer

February 2023 - June 2023

- Focused on HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Networking, and collaboration for tech.

SKILLS

Programming Languages: JavaScript/Typescript, HTML, CSS, Python

Frameworks & Libraries: React, Nextjs, Flutter, MUI, Tailwind, GraphQL, REST API **Tools & Platforms**: Linux, Docker, Git, Firebase, AWS, Google Workspace, Salesforce

Database: MySQL, PostgreSQL, MongoDB, FireStore

Soft Skills: Communication, Problem-solving, Adaptability, Public Speaking, Continuous Learning

LANGUAGES

• Kinyarwanda – Native

• English – Fluent

• French - beginner