

# GAFAR GBOLAHAN

SOFTWARE ENGINEER

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## PROFILE

### FULL-STACK DEVELOPER (REACT, NODE.JS, EXPRESS, MONGODB)

Passionate developer with expertise in building scalable web applications across the entire stack. Specialized in modern JavaScript frameworks (React, Next.js) and backend technologies (Node.js, Express). Focused on creating performant, secure, and maintainable full-stack solutions with clean architecture. Strong collaborator with experience delivering end-to-end projects from concept to deployment.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### 2020 - PRESENT

#### Freelance Web & Mobile Developer

- Delivered 15+ full-stack applications using React, Node.js, and Express, with 95+ Lighthouse scores for performance.
- Designed and implemented RESTful APIs with **MongoDB/PostgreSQL**, reducing query times by **30%** through indexing.
- Integrated authentication (JWT) and payment gateways (Stripe/Paystack) for client e-commerce projects.
- Mentored 5+ junior developers in GDSC workshops on full-stack best practices (React + Node.js).

### 2023-2025

#### Google Developer Group

- Led a team to build a **full-stack hackathon project** (Next.js + Express + PostgreSQL) awarded **top 3** in 2024.
- Conducted workshops on API development and database design, attended by 50+ students.
- Mentored 5+ beginners in web development through GDG workshops, helping them build their first Web apps
- Collaborated in team coding challenges using Git/GitHub for version control and project management.

## EDUCATION

### 2019 - 2024

#### UNIVERSITY OF LAUTECH

- B.Sc. Crop & Environmental Protection

#### CERTIFICATIONS

- freeCodeCamp Responsive Web Design
- Coursera: **React Specialization & MongoDB for Developers**

## SKILLS

- Frontend:** React, Next.js, JavaScript (ES6+), Tailwind CSS, Responsive Design, TypeScript
- Backend:** Node.js, Express.js, RESTful APIs, Authentication (JWT/OAuth)
- Databases:** MongoDB, PostgreSQL, Data Modeling, CRUD Operations
- Tools:** Git/GitHub, Vite, npm, Figma, Postman, VS Code
- DevOps:** Basic AWS/Heroku Deployment, CI/CD Pipelines

### CURRENTLY EXPLORING

- Next.js App Router for full-stack React applications
- Docker** for containerized deployments

## LANGUAGES

- English
- Yoruba