

JUSTUS GITAU

Software Engineer | Graphic Designer

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PROFILE

Full Stack Web Developer and Graphic Designer with hands-on experience in building responsive, user-focused web applications and digital content. Adept in both front-end and back-end technologies, UI/UX, and SEO. Passionate about crafting innovative solutions that enhance user experience and deliver business value. Actively seeking opportunities to apply my skills in real-world tech environments and continue growing as a developer.

EDUCATION

2020 – 2024

UNIVERSITY OF EASTERN AFRICA, BARATON.

- Bachelor in Software Engineering
- Second Class Upper Division
- GPA: 3.4/4.0

2015 - 2019

KIMATHI HIGH SCHOOL

- Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education
- Grade: B plain

SKILLS

Technical Skills:

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| • Full Stack Web Development | • RESTful API Development | • Graphic Design |
| • JavaScript, NextJS, React, Node.js, Express.js, Prisma | • Tech/IT Support | • Photoshop and Illustrator |
| • PostgreSQL, MongoDB | • Version Control (Git) | • InDesign |
| | • UI/UX Design | • Figma |
| | • SEO | • CMS (WordPress) |

Soft Skills:

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| • Teamwork | • Critical Thinking | • Time Management |
| • Problem Solving | • Adaptability | • Effective Communication |

LANGUAGE

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| • English (Fluent) | • Swahili (Fluent) | • French (Basics) |
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CAREER OBJECTIVES

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| • Craft dynamic, user-centred web applications and innovative solutions. | • Leverage design expertise for seamless user experiences. |
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- Continuously advance my skills in the fields of AI and machine learning.
- Seeking an ICT or software engineering positions to apply my full stack skills, support digital solutions, and grow through hands-on experience in a fast-paced environment.
- Use expertise to give back to the community through impactful projects and mentorship

WORK EXPERIENCE

Founder & Web Developer | J'ASTUTE (My Brand)

May 2023 – Present

- Developed Centri Closet, an e-commerce platform for university helping students easily sell and resell second-hand equipment, with a 99% success rate.
- Completed numerous web and graphic design projects for clients, delivering tailored solutions that increased engagement and brand visibility, achieving 100% client satisfaction.

Software Engineer (Intern) | Hillgan Innovations

Mar 2025 – June 2025

- Collaborated on real-world software projects across diverse sectors including healthcare and business management, focusing on design and development.
- Provided tech support when needed, contributing to internal technical solutions.
- Gained hands-on experience in cross-functional teamwork and problem-solving in a fast-paced, innovation-driven environment.

(Attachment) | Hillgan Innovations

May 2024 – Aug 2024

Developed the Hillgan Kazi Desk HR management system, converting Figma designs into a functional Next.js application and enhancing HR process efficiency.

- Created and optimized a dashboard for Hillgan SMS, improving performance and usability for internal data reporting.

Graphic Designer | UEAB - Yearbook and The Baratonian Newsletter

Sep 2023 – May 2024

- Designed our university's yearbook and newsletters, enhancing visual storytelling and preserving university memories.
- Collaborated with editorial teams to produce cohesive and compelling content, receiving praise for design consistency and creativity.

ICT Clerk | Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC)

8th August 2022

- Assisted in voter identification and ballot paper issuance using the Kenya Integrated Election Management System (KIEMS), processing over 600 voters with a 99% accuracy rate.
- Managed voter flow and supported special needs voters, ensuring smooth operations and reducing wait times by 25%
- Assisted in ballot sorting and counting, maintaining a 100% accuracy rate in ballot handling.

PROJECTS

Justprenuer-Blogging Website (Next.js, Tailwind, Node.js, PostgreSQL) Sep 2023

- Developed a tech & entrepreneurship blog platform from scratch.
- Attracted 1,000+ monthly visitors by implementing SEO best practices.

UEAB Innovation Website (React.js, Tailwind, Node.js, MySQL) | Mar 2023

- Created a platform showcasing student innovations for our university.

Personal Portfolio Website (React.js, Tailwind, Node.js, MySQL) | Jan 2023

- Designed and developed a responsive portfolio website showcasing 10+ projects.
- Optimized for performance, accessibility, and clean UX. [View: gitaujustus.vercel.app]

Kenyan Labor Export System (KLES) (Next.js, Tailwind, Node.js, Postgres, Prisma) May 2024

Senior Project, University of Eastern Africa, Baraton

- Developed a labour export system for matching Kenyan workers with international job opportunities, focusing on skills alignment and secure data handling.
- Implemented modules for registration, job posting, application tracking, and feedback management, enhancing the overall user experience.

Explore more of my projects at gitaujustus.vercel.app

ACHIEVEMENTS AND CERTIFICATIONS

Academic Excellence:

- Dean's List, University of Eastern Africa, Baraton (2023)
 - Achieved a GPA of 3.8 out of 4.0
 - Awarded Certificate of Excellence
- *Certificate of Excellence, Murang'a East Sub-County Education Day (2020)*
 - Second Best Candidate with V.A.P of (+3) in Murang'a East Sub-County, scoring B in 2019 K.C.S.E Examination
 - Fifth Best Boy in Public Day Secondary School with B (65 points) in 2019 K.C.S.E Examination

Professional Certifications:

- **Introduction to SEO Fundamentals Training Course** - Simplilearn SkillUp (April 2024)
- Certificate of Successful Completion of Computer Packages (2020)