

# JOAN THOITHI

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## PROFILE

I am a Mechatronic Engineering student with a growing focus on embedded systems, control engineering, and digital hardware design. Through academic and hands-on projects, I have gained practical experience in firmware development, PCB layout, FPGA/HDL, and Linux-based workflows. I enjoy working at the intersection of hardware and software, particularly when designing systems that operate close to real-world and performance constraints. My interests include wireless systems, system security, and performance-oriented engineering, with an emphasis on building reliable, scalable solutions.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### JANUARY - MARCH (2025)

**KENYA POWER AND LIGHTING COMPANY**

**(KPLC), NYERI**

**Mechatronic Engineer Intern**

- Performed inspection and maintenance of substation equipment including transformers, switchgear, CTs/VTs, and auxiliary systems.
- Executed relay testing, control wiring checks, and assisted in fault diagnosis and system restoration.
- Implemented protection schemes including overcurrent, earth fault, and auto-reclosure under supervision.
- Designed, wired, and tested a three-phase electrical oven, including load calculations, heating element selection, thermostatic control, protection devices, and commissioning.

## PROJECTS

### Selected Projects and Detailed Documentation

Portfolio Website - *Embedded Systems, Hardware and System Level Engineering Projects*

[PORTFOLIO WEBSITE](#)

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## SOCIAL MEDIA

 [HANDLES](#)

## EDUCATION

### 2022-2027

**DEDAN KIMATHI UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY**

- Bachelor of Science in Mechatronic Engineering

### 2018-2021

**LIMURU GIRLS' SCHOOL**

- Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (K.C.S.E)
- Grade: A-(minus)

## SKILLS

### Technical Skills

- Embedded Programming (C/C++ bare metal)
- PCB Design and Hardware Prototyping
- Digital Hardware and FPGA Design
- Embedded Linux and Systems Engineering
- Control Systems and Robotics Foundation
- Wireless Systems and Basic Security Principles

### Tools and Platforms

- KiCAD, Proteus
- Linux, Git
- Solidworks, FreeCAD
- STM32, AVR

### Soft Skills

- Problem Solving
- Communication - Fluent in English and Kiswahili
- Team Collaboration
- Time Management
- Adaptability