AUTOBIOGRAPHY

MY JOURNEY UPTO NOW

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Introduction: A Journey of Discovery

In the tapestry of life, each thread weaves a unique story, and mine is a tapestry rich with experiences, challenges, and moments of profound discovery. From the earliest memories of childhood to the intricate paths carved through adolescence and into adulthood, my journey has been a testament to the power of resilience, curiosity, and the relentless pursuit of growth.

Join me as I embark on a reflective exploration of the chapters that have defined my existence thus far. From the innocence of youth to the trials of self-discovery, from the peaks of triumph to the valleys of despair, this autobiography is a testament to the mosaic of experiences that have shaped the person I am today.

Through these pages, I invite you to walk alongside me as I traverse the landscapes of my past, unraveling the layers of my identity, and discovering the essence of what it means to truly live. It is a journey marked by laughter and tears, victories and defeats, but above all, it is a journey fueled by an unwavering determination to embrace life in all its complexity.

Welcome to my story—where every twist and turn serves as a reminder that within the depths of our own narratives lies the potential for transformation, redemption, and ultimately, the realization of our most profound truths.

Early Years

I entered the world in the year 2000, heralding the dawn of a new millennium, bringing immense joy and hope to my family in Kibereisit Village, Kong'asis Ward, Bomet County, Kenya. Growing up in this close-knit community, I was surrounded by love and care from my parents and older siblings, relishing in the warmth of their attention during my early years. These formative times were characterized by the melodious sound of baby laughter, tentative first steps, and the wide-eyed exploration of a world brimming with novelty.

Raised in the embrace of my village, I was fortunate to be nurtured by a supportive family who instilled in me enduring values of education, diligence, and community spirit. The collective support of neighbors and friends, who became like an extended family, further enriched my upbringing, fostering the inquisitive mind that would shape my future endeavors.

Even in my earliest memories, a natural curiosity about the world around me was palpable. Whether it was leafing through colorful picture books, acquiring new vocabulary, or pondering the wonders of nature, my thirst for knowledge was insatiable. Recognizing my intellectual potential, my parents and teachers encouraged me to explore my varied interests across different disciplines.

These early years were adorned with memorable experiences: from accompanying my family to the local market for the first time, to listening to enchanting tales from my grandparents, to the sheer delight of receiving my inaugural toy. These moments of innocence and wonder laid the foundation for my deep-seated enthusiasm for life.

Central to my upbringing were the values instilled by my family, particularly the paramount importance of education. Emphasizing that knowledge was the gateway to a brighter future, my parents imbued within me a strong work ethic and an unwavering commitment to learning from a tender age.

These foundational years paved the way for my educational journey through primary and secondary school, eventually leading me to pursue higher education as a university student. Guided by the supportive environment fostered by my family and community, and fueled by an enduring curiosity, I embarked on a lifelong quest for personal growth and enlightenment.

My Journey through Primary School (2006-2015)

In the year 2006, I embarked on a pivotal chapter of my educational odyssey as I stepped into the halls of primary school.I attended Meng'wet primary school from baby class to class four where I was transffered to Kibereisit Primary school where I sat for Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE). Over the course of nine years, from 2006 to 2015, these formative years became a cornerstone of my academic journey, teeming with lessons, friendships, and youthful escapades that sculpted the person I am today.

Within the structured confines of the classroom and a midst the vibrant tapestry of extracurricular activities, I honed essential life skills and cultivated enduring friendships. Academic pursuits became a beacon of curiosity and determination, as I eagerly delved into various subjects, guided by supportive teachers who recognized my fervor for learning. My consistent academic performance mirrored

my steadfast commitment to excellence, a testament to the values instilled by my family and the intrinsic drive within me to succeed.

Beyond the confines of textbooks and examinations, I actively engaged in extracurricular pursuits, finding a passion for public speaking and critical thinking through involvement in the school's debate club. These endeavors not only bolstered my communication skills but also fostered a sense of confidence and self-assurance that would prove invaluable in the years to come.

Central to my primary school experience were the bonds forged with classmates, friendships that transcended the classroom walls and provided a nurturing support system. Through shared experiences and challenges, I gleaned invaluable lessons in cooperation, empathy, and the resilience needed to navigate life's inevitable obstacles.

As I navigated the twists and turns of primary education, I embraced challenges as opportunities for growth, learning the profound lessons of resilience and perseverance in the face of adversity. Guided by the unwavering support and encouragement of my family, especially my parents, I remained steadfast in my pursuit of academic excellence, driven by the values instilled in me from a young age.

Looking back, my primary school years served as a crucial foundation for the adventures that lay ahead, laying the groundwork for my transition to secondary education and beyond. The friendships forged, the challenges overcome, and the lessons learned during this time continue to shape my approach to learning and life, propelling me forward on my journey of self-discovery and personal growth.

Navigating Secondary School (2016-2019)

The transition to secondary school in 2016 marked a significant milestone in my journey, heralding a period of growth, discovery, and expanded horizons. Spanning from 2016 to 2019, these years encapsulated a transformative phase in both my academic and personal evolution.

Secondary school ushered in a new chapter of academic rigor and social dynamism. With a specialized curriculum and heightened workload, I encountered fresh challenges that tested my resolve and fueled my ambition. Despite the academic demands, I found myself drawn to particular subjects, whether in the realms of sciences, humanities, or the arts, laying the groundwork for my future academic pursuits.

Beyond the confines of textbooks and classrooms, secondary school offered a plethora of extracurricular avenues for exploration. From joining clubs to participating in sports teams and cultural events, these activities served as crucibles for personal growth and skill development. Engaging in extracurricular pursuits not only broadened my horizons but also facilitated the forging of new friendships and the discovery of latent talents.

Secondary school was a crucible for the cultivation of deeper and more nuanced friendships, fostering social bonds that contributed to my holistic development. Interacting with a diverse array of personalities, I gleaned invaluable lessons in tolerance, empathy, and effective communication, skills that would prove indispensable in navigating the complexities of life beyond the school gates.

As I reflect on my journey through secondary education, I recognize it as a period of profound growth and self-discovery, where the seeds of ambition were sown,

and the contours of my future aspirations began to take shape. These formative years laid the groundwork for the pursuit of higher education and the realization of dreams that grew ever larger with each passing day.

Leadership and Responsibility:

In my educational journey, I actively embraced leadership roles within various school clubs, thus not only augmenting my sense of responsibility but also providing fertile ground for inspiring and guiding others. These pivotal experiences significantly contributed to my personal development and honing of leadership skills. One such prominent role I undertook was that of a Time Manager within the secondary school's cabinet body.

As the Time Manager, I shouldered a pivotal responsibility that demanded effective planning, meticulous organization, and seamless coordination of myriad activities to uphold the smooth functioning of the school. In this capacity, my roles and responsibilities encompassed a multifaceted array of tasks:

1. Schedule Management: Fulfilling the role of Time Manager necessitated meticulous oversight of the school's intricate schedules, ensuring their seamless organization and preempting any potential conflicts therein.

2. Resource Allocation: I assumed the critical task of allocating resources, including classrooms, educational materials, and facilities, with scrupulous attention to equity and efficiency, taking into account the diverse needs of students.

3. Time Optimization: A fundamental aspect of my role revolved around devising strategies to optimize time utilization within the school setting, minimizing downtime between classes, maximizing teaching hours, and fostering a culture of effective time management among staff and students alike.

4. Event Planning and Coordination: In addition to daily schedules, I orchestrated and meticulously coordinated various school events, ranging from parent-teacher meetings to school assemblies and extracurricular activities, meticulously overseeing logistics, scheduling, and participant coordination.

5. Communication: Effective communication emerged as the cornerstone of my role, necessitating clear and timely dissemination of information to all stakeholders, including students, teachers, and parents, ensuring transparency and averting potential disruptions.

6. Problem Solving: My tenure as Time Manager often entailed navigating unforeseen challenges, such as staff absences or scheduling discrepancies, necessitating adept problem-solving skills and the capacity to devise swift, pragmatic solutions to mitigate disruptions.

7. Compliance and Regulations: I maintained a vigilant eye on ensuring adherence to educational regulations and guidelines, safeguarding the school's schedules and activities in alignment with prescribed curriculum requirements and standardized testing protocols.

8. Continuous Improvement: A commitment to perpetually refining time management processes underscored my approach, entailing a proactive

pursuit of novel technologies, administrative streamlining, and resource optimization to bolster overall operational efficiency.

9. Team Collaboration: Collaboration emerged as a linchpin of my role, necessitating seamless cooperation with fellow school administrators, teachers, and staff members to harmonize schedules and activities with the overarching educational objectives and student needs.

10. Adaptability: The dynamic nature of secondary school life demanded nimble adaptability in the face of fluctuating circumstances, such as weather-related disruptions or unforeseen events, highlighting the imperative of swift adjustments to schedules and logistical plans.

In summation, the role of a Time Manager within a secondary school framework assumes pivotal significance in fostering an environment of orderliness and efficiency conducive to optimal learning outcomes. My tenure in this capacity encapsulated a myriad of responsibilities spanning from intricate schedule management to the orchestration of significant school events, underpinning the foundational pillars of effective educational administration.

Transition to Adulthood:

My secondary school years marked a critical juncture in my transition to adulthood, serving as a crucible wherein I commenced deliberating on future career trajectories and avenues for further education. Guided by the invaluable mentorship of teachers, mentors, and familial support networks, these formative years paved the path for my burgeoning aspirations and endeavors.

Challenges and Resilience:

In navigating the intricacies of secondary school life, I encountered a spectrum of challenges encompassing academic rigors, interpersonal dynamics, and personal self-doubt. However, these formidable trials served as crucibles for cultivating resilience, fortitude, and unwavering determination, thereby fortifying my resolve to surmount adversities and strive for excellence.

Preparation for the Future:

The crucible of my secondary school experiences bestowed upon me invaluable lessons, forged enduring friendships, and catalyzed profound personal growth, thereby furnishing me with the requisite arsenal to embark upon the subsequent chapters of my educational voyage with confidence and purpose. Armed with the indelible lessons gleaned from these transformative years, I set forth on my trajectory towards higher education and the boundless opportunities that lie beyond the hallowed halls of secondary school.

UNIVERSITY LIFE YEAR (2020-2024)

My pursuit of knowledge continued as I enrolled in Bachelor of science in Computer Science at Dedan Kimathi University of Technology in 2020. It was a transformative period, where I met mentors, made lifelong friends, and earned my skills.

My university journey from 2020 to my final year in 2024, pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science represents a significant period of academic growth, specialization, and personal development.

Academic pursuits

Throughout my university journey, my academic pursuits were anchored in the realm of Computer Science, a multifaceted discipline brimming with complexity and intellectual challenge. Venturing into a diverse array of subjects encompassing software engineering, web development, machine learning, and data analysis, I embarked on a quest for knowledge that would shape my understanding of this dynamic field. Through rigorous coursework, hands-on projects, and collaborative endeavors, I delved deep into the intricacies of each domain, unraveling the underlying principles and practices that drive innovation and progress in the world of Computer Science.

With each passing semester, my immersion in the study of Computer Science afforded me the opportunity to cultivate a comprehensive skill set and a nuanced perspective on technological advancements. From mastering the intricacies of software design and development to exploring the intricacies of machine learning algorithms, I embraced each subject with fervor and dedication. Guided by passionate instructors and fueled by my own intrinsic curiosity, I navigated through the complexities of data analysis and web development, acquiring invaluable insights and practical experience along the way. My university years served as a crucible for intellectual growth, instilling in me a profound appreciation for the boundless potential of technology and the transformative impact it wields across diverse sectors of society.

Specialization and Expertise:

During my tenure at university, I honed my expertise in various specialized areas within Computer Science, channeling my focus into specific domains that aligned with my interests and career aspirations. With a keen eye towards specialization, I

delved deeply into fields such as software engineering, web development, machine learning, and data analysis, seeking to cultivate a robust skill set that would equip me for the challenges of the modern technological landscape.

Within the realm of software engineering, I delved into the intricacies of software design patterns, algorithmic complexity, and agile development methodologies, mastering the art of crafting scalable and maintainable software solutions. My foray into web development saw me exploring the nuances of front-end and back-end technologies, harnessing the power of HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and frameworks like React and Node.js to create dynamic and responsive web applications.

In the realm of machine learning, I immersed myself in the study of predictive modeling, neural networks, and deep learning algorithms, leveraging tools like TensorFlow and scikit-learn to extract meaningful insights from complex datasets. Concurrently, my exploration of data analysis equipped me with the tools and techniques needed to uncover patterns, trends, and correlations within vast troves of data, employing statistical methods and data visualization tools to distill actionable intelligence.

Beyond technical proficiency, my university experience fostered the development of invaluable soft skills such as problem-solving, critical thinking, communication, and collaboration. Through collaborative projects, team-based assignments, and extracurricular activities, I honed my ability to work effectively in multidisciplinary teams, communicate complex ideas with clarity and precision, and adapt to rapidly changing environments. Armed with a diverse repertoire of technical expertise and interpersonal skills, I emerged from university prepared to tackle the challenges and opportunities that lay ahead in my professional journey.

Hands-On Experience:

Software Engineering:

- Developing and maintaining software applications across various platforms and technologies.

- Participating in the entire software development lifecycle, from requirements gathering to deployment and maintenance.

- Collaborating with cross-functional teams to design, implement, and test software solutions.

- Utilizing version control systems like Git for code collaboration and management.

- Implementing software design patterns and best practices to ensure scalability, maintainability, and performance of applications.

Web Development:

- Designing and building responsive and interactive web applications using front-end technologies like HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.

- Developing server-side logic and backend services using frameworks like Node.js, Django, or Ruby on Rails.

- Integrating databases (SQL or NoSQL) to store and manage application data effectively.

- Implementing security measures to protect web applications from common vulnerabilities like SQL injection and cross-site scripting (XSS).

- Optimizing web applications for performance and scalability, including techniques such as caching and asynchronous processing.

Machine Learning:

- Collecting, preprocessing, and analyzing data to extract meaningful insights using tools like Pandas, NumPy, and SciPy.

- Building and training machine learning models using libraries like TensorFlow, PyTorch, or scikit-learn.

- Tuning model parameters and evaluating model performance using techniques like cross-validation and hyperparameter optimization.

- Deploying machine learning models into production environments using frameworks like Flask or TensorFlow Serving.

- Monitoring model performance and implementing continuous integration/continuous deployment (CI/CD) pipelines for model updates.

DevOps:

- Automating infrastructure provisioning and configuration using tools like Terraform, Ansible, or CloudFormation.

- Setting up continuous integration/continuous deployment (CI/CD) pipelines for automating software delivery and deployment.

- Monitoring and logging application and infrastructure metrics using tools like Prometheus, Grafana, or ELK Stack.

- Implementing infrastructure as code (IaC) principles to manage and version infrastructure configurations.

- Implementing security best practices, including access control, encryption, and vulnerability scanning, to ensure the security of infrastructure and applications.

Cybersecurity:

- Conducting vulnerability assessments and penetration testing to identify and mitigate security vulnerabilities in software applications and systems.

- Implementing security controls and measures to protect networks, systems, and data from unauthorized access and cyber threats.

- Monitoring and analyzing security logs and events to detect and respond to security incidents in real-time.

- Implementing encryption and cryptographic protocols to secure sensitive data in transit and at rest.

- Developing and implementing security policies, procedures, and guidelines to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements and industry standards.

These hands-on experiences provide a foundation for building expertise and proficiency in each respective field, enabling individuals to contribute effectively to software development projects and address the evolving challenges and demands of the industry.

Personal Growth:

The university experience extends beyond academic pursuits, encompassing a transformative phase of individual evolution. Immersed in a vibrant tapestry of perspectives, I forged enduring bonds, cultivated my capacity for critical analysis, and refined my aptitude for problem-solving. These encounters nurtured my personal growth and fostered a sense of independence as I navigated the myriad experiences university life had to offer.

Extracurricular Activities:

Participation in extracurricular activities is a common facet of university life for numerous students. Engaging in endeavors such as involvement in engineering clubs, competing in design competitions, or assuming leadership positions within

student organizations offered me avenues for personal and professional development. These activities facilitated the cultivation of a diverse skill set and afforded valuable opportunities for networking and collaboration.

Career Preparation:

My university experience was instrumental in laying the groundwork for my future career in computer science. Throughout my academic journey, I received invaluable guidance from professors, actively participated in career fairs, and took advantage of co-op programs tailored to the field of computer science. These experiences provided me with practical insights into various aspects of the industry, allowing me to apply theoretical knowledge to real-world scenarios. Through hands-on projects and internships, I gained valuable skills and honed my expertise in areas such as software development, data analysis, and machine learning. As a result, I emerged from university well-prepared to embark on a rewarding career path in computer science.

Achievements and Challenges:

The university journey encompasses a tapestry woven with both triumphs and trials. Alongside notable accomplishments, I encountered formidable hurdles such as demanding exams, intricate projects, and periods of self-questioning. Yet, surmounting these obstacles instilled within me a profound sense of resilience, fortified my resolve, and honed my problem-solving prowess, all of which are indispensable qualities for navigating future endeavors with confidence and efficacy.

Final Year and Graduation

Reaching my final year in 2024 will be a culmination of my university journey. This marked a time of reflection on my academic accomplishments and anticipation of the future. Graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science symbolized my transition to the professional world, whether I will be entering the workforce, pursuing further studies, or fulfilling my career aspirations.

My university years from 2020 to 2024 In the field of Computer science represent a transformative period in my life, equipping me with the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary for a successful career in this dynamic field. These years were marked by academic achievement, personal growth, and a deepening of my passion for Computer Science

INTERNAL ATTACHMENT EXPERIENCE AT DEDAN KIMATHI UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY 2022

My internal attachment as a Computer Scientist at Dedan Kimathi University of Technology in 2022 was a pivotal experience that offered me the chance to apply my academic knowledge in a real-world setting, gain practical skills, and elevate my experience in tech world.

Application of Academic Knowledge:

During my internal attachment, I was able to directly apply the theoretical knowledge I had acquired during my studies in Computer Science. This practical experience allowed me to bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world application. During this period I did manage to create a Dawa Chapchap pharmaceutical application. This project made me believe in my skills and gain courage in tech world. Testing ones skills is always a challenging factor but during

this period I was able to show my skills and also upgrade them through learning from my course-mates.

University Setting:

Working at Dedan Kimathi University, I was part of an academic environment that fosters learning, innovation, and research. My attachment provided me with insights into the role of software engineering in a higher education institution, including its contributions to research and software maintenance

Project Involvement:

I played a role of a project lead during our Dawa ChapChap project. I manage to bring the team together and distribute the project milestones to everyone and set the deadline for every milestone. I also took responsibility of the bugs related to our project, monitoring the team and showing them how to outmaneuver around the bugs to meeting the project objectives. I put to the team together to deciding the programming languages and frameworks to be used on developing the proposed project. The journey from project proposal to presentation was not easy but due to my resilience and emphasis on teamwork we manage to complete on time and present it to our supervisor without a lot of challenges.

Collaboration and Networking:

I had the opportunity to collaborate with faculty, staff, and fellow students. This interaction allowed me to network with professionals and experts in the field, which can be valuable for my future career. I was also introduced to Linked,GitHub and various tech communities where various experts are. This also helps improve the skills, check on your tech journey so far. Thanks to my course-mates and lecturers for working closely with to being a person I am today.

Problem Solving:

Computer Science are often tasked with solving complex problems. Attachment presented me with real challenges to address, enhancing my problem-solving skills and creativity. For example the Dawa ChapChap project solves the problem encountered by patients and pharmacist during the acquiring of the right medicine and to giving out prescription respectively.

Hands-On Experience

The attachment provided me with hands-on experience with software engineering skills. The skills I earned during this period has made me the person I'm today. From a tech enthusiast to a tech expert as well as being one of the software engineers in the world. I did learned to develop a software using javascript, all the way from front end to the backed using reactjs and nodejs respectively.

Professional Development:

The attachment served as a significant milestone in my professional development. It allowed me to gain insights into the responsibilities and expectations of a Computer scientist in an academic setting.

Learning Opportunities:

In addition to my specific role, I had the opportunity to learn from experienced professionals, attend workshops and gain a deeper understanding of the field's best practices and emerging trends in the world of technology.

Preparation for the Future:

My attachment at Dedan Kimathi University was a stepping stone toward my future career as a Computer Scientist. The skills, knowledge, and experiences I gained during this period are valuable assets that will serve me well as I progress in my career. The attachment made me realize a lot of skills that need to be learned in order to fit in the role of computer scientist in the world filled with tech experts, tech enthusiast and experience developers. This helps me to sharpen my skills and made every day a day of learning a new tech skill.

EXTERNAL ATTACHMENT IN THE JITU NYERI JULY-AUGUST 2023

This was my first experience working in an tech industry and able to showcase my skills and help the company achieve its goals by being able to contribute to problem solving and developing various applications.

Professional Exposure:

During my tenure in The Jitu, I had the privilege of being immersed in a dynamic and rapidly evolving landscape that constantly challenged and inspired me. Working alongside seasoned professionals and experts in the field, I gained invaluable insights into cutting-edge technologies, innovative methodologies, and emerging trends that shape the industry's trajectory. From collaborating on high-impact projects to attending industry conferences and workshops, I embraced every opportunity to expand my knowledge and skill set, leveraging hands-on experience to tackle complex problems and drive meaningful innovation. Through cross-functional teamwork and a culture of continuous learning, I honed my ability to adapt to ever-changing demands and deliver impactful solutions that resonate with

end-users. This professional exposure not only broadened my horizons but also equipped me with the expertise and acumen necessary to thrive in the fast-paced and competitive landscape of the tech industry.

Team Collaboration:

My professional journey in the tech industry provided me with extensive exposure to the power and dynamics of effective team collaboration. Working within diverse teams comprised of talented individuals from various backgrounds and disciplines, I experienced firsthand the synergy that arises when individuals unite towards a common goal. Through collaborative projects, I cultivated strong communication skills, fostered mutual respect, and embraced the value of diverse perspectives in driving innovation. Leveraging agile methodologies and robust project management frameworks, I actively contributed to cross-functional teams, navigating challenges, and leveraging collective strengths to deliver high-impact solutions. This immersive experience not only enhanced my ability to collaborate effectively but also fostered a culture of trust, accountability, and shared success within the teams I worked with. As a result, I emerged from these collaborative endeavors with a profound appreciation for the transformative power of teamwork in driving meaningful outcomes within the tech industry.

Problem-Solving and Innovation:

In the tech industry, I thrived in an environment that demanded creative problem-solving and fostered innovation. Collaborating with diverse teams, I encountered complex challenges that required innovative solutions. Leveraging my analytical skills and technical expertise, I contributed to the development of novel solutions that addressed industry-wide issues and drove meaningful progress. This hands-on experience not only honed my problem-solving abilities but also instilled in me a

passion for innovation, propelling me to push boundaries and explore new frontiers in technology.

Learning and Skill Development:

In the tech industry, I immersed myself in a culture of continuous learning and skill development. Through hands-on projects, training programs, and collaborative initiatives, I embraced opportunities to expand my knowledge and expertise across diverse domains. Leveraging cutting-edge technologies and best practices, I honed my skills in areas such as software development, data analysis, and machine learning. This immersive learning experience not only equipped me with the tools and techniques necessary to tackle complex challenges but also fueled my passion for lifelong learning and professional growth within the ever-evolving landscape of technology.

My attachment at The Jitu was not only a learning opportunity but also a stepping stone in my journey towards becoming a great Software Engineer. The skills, experiences, and insights gained during this period are valuable assets as I progress in my career in Computer science.

PERSONAL GROWTH

Throughout my journey, I've learned that growth is a lifelong process. It's about setting goals, facing challenges, and persistently moving forward. I've developed a strong work ethic and a commitment to my dreams.

FUTURE ASPIRATIONS

As I look to the future, I'm motivated by the desire to continue learning, growing, and making a positive impact. My aspirations include furthering my education, excelling in my career, and giving back to my community.