Packaging and Exporting Your Talents as a Software Developer

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This is an opinionated talk.

Outline

- Knowing The Basics.
- Continuously Improving Yourself.
- Networking (leveraging on meetups, conferences, professional platforms and social media).
- Packaging & Marketing Yourself
- Maintaining Your Job.

Knowing The Basics

Things I have learnt over the years as a software developer

- Choose a path/tech which is relevant and that you are comfortable with.
- Know the basic underlying language construct as opposed to jumping straight to libraries and frameworks.
- Understand development patterns.
- Follow open source projects.

Continuously Improving Yourself

- Learn, learn and learn. Having an “I don’t know enough, I can still learn more” mindset.
- Have a goto person. Could be through one on one or community based mentorship.
- Specialize: Knowing your career path and sticking to it.

Networking

- Leveraging on meetups, conferences and hangouts.
- Harnessing the power of social media platforms like LinkedIn, Medium, Twitter, etc.

Packaging & Marketing Yourself

- Organize your CVs (Keep It Simple, Stupid).
- Dwell more on your online presence, your Github, Stackoverflow and LinkedIn profile.
- Document your achievements, trainings/certifications and flaunt them.

The goal is for recruiters to find you and not the other way round.

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EXPERIENCE

Software Solutions Developer

Mtech Communications Plc — Lekki, Lagos

July 2017 – Present

- Building media content streaming applications, both for mobile and web platforms.

Software Developer

Concept Nova Limited — Yaba, Lagos

July 2015 – June 2017

- Building software applications for daily business processes within the company.
- Handling requests for maintenance of existing software projects.
- Analysis of user requirements and design of system architecture for projects.

Mobile & Web Developer Intern

Valueminds Limited — Gbagada, Lagos

March 2014 – September 2014

- Development of a web/mobile e-learning system.
- Conversion of designed mock up into actual web pages and mobile application layout.
- Brainstorming on the best system architecture for the project.

Web Developer Intern

LoftyInc Allied Partners Limited — IDEA Hub Yaba, Lagos

September 2013 – October 2013

- Development of an online job portal.
- System analysis and design of the job portal.

Technical Support Intern

FirstOn Technologies Limited — Victoria Island, Lagos

March 2012 – August 2012

- Testing and documentation of a core banking application.

ACHIEVEMENTS/PUBLICATIONS

Co-winner Nigeria Computer Society Ogun State Chapter
Tertiary Institutions Software Development Competition
November 2012

ReactJS App With Laravel RESTful API Endpoint
Medium Article

Laravel RESTful API Development, A Step By Step Approach
Medium Article

EDUCATION

B.Sc. Computer Science

Redeemer's University — Mowe, Ogun

September 2009 – July 2013

Senior School Certificate

Krisbethel College — Ipaja, Lagos

May/June 2008

SKILLS

- Software Engineering
- HTML & CSS
- PHP (Laravel)
- ReactJS & ReactNative
- NodeJS(Express & Sails)
- Django Framework
- Version Control (GIT)

PROJECTS

Google Chrome Extension Development
(Use of ReactJs & d3.js libraries to develop a data analytic ui for a google chrome extension)
May 2017 (Upwork Freelancer)

Concept Nova Brokers Portal
(Use of Laravel PHP framework to develop a product sales/brokerage system)
December 2015

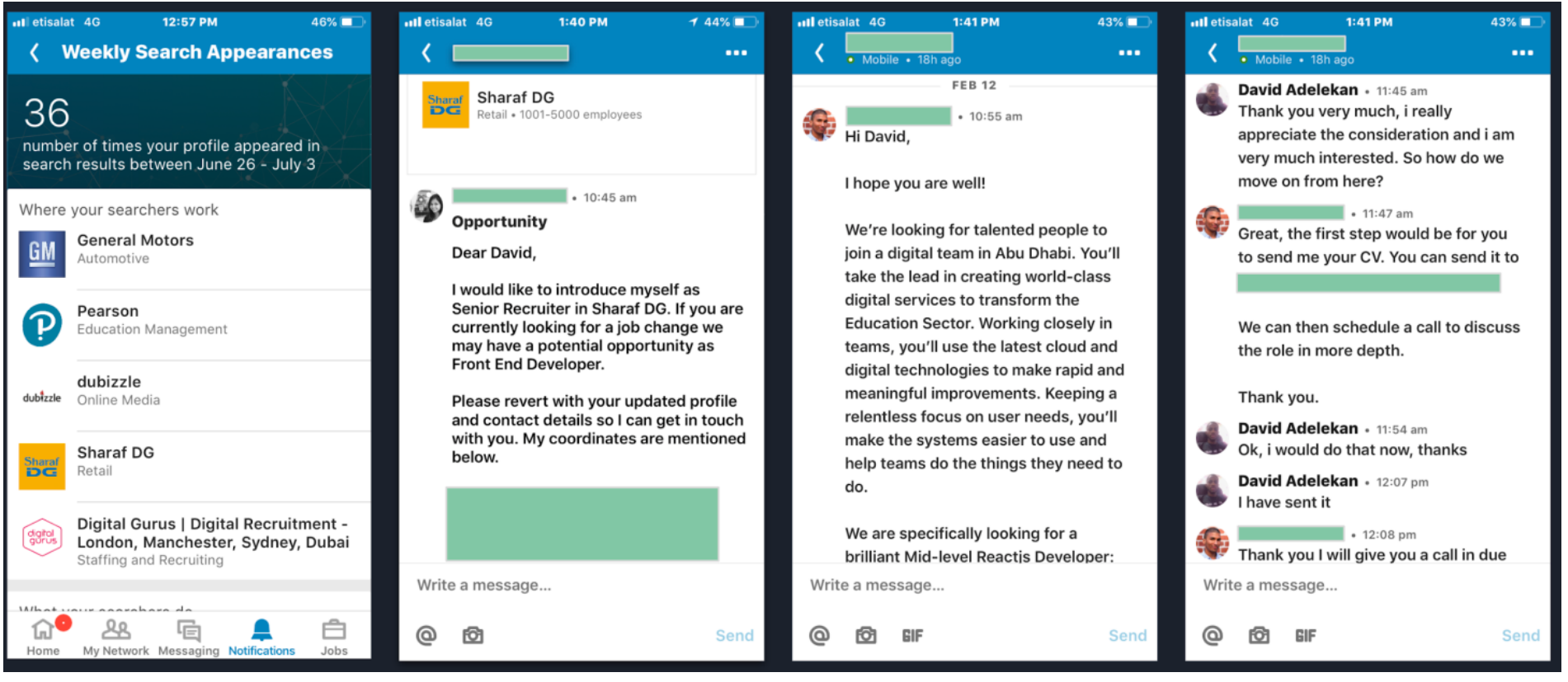
Rosabon Fleet Management System
(Use of Laravel PHP framework and Javascript to develop a vehicle tracking and management solution)
October 2016

Bitcoin Mobile App UI Development
(Use of ReactNative Javascript library to develop a bitcoin trading mobile app UI)
July 2017 (Upwork Freelancer)

Wiki Doctor
(Use of ReactNative JavaScript library to develop a medical appointment app)
June 2017 (Upwork Freelancer)

REFERENCES

Interactions with recruiters



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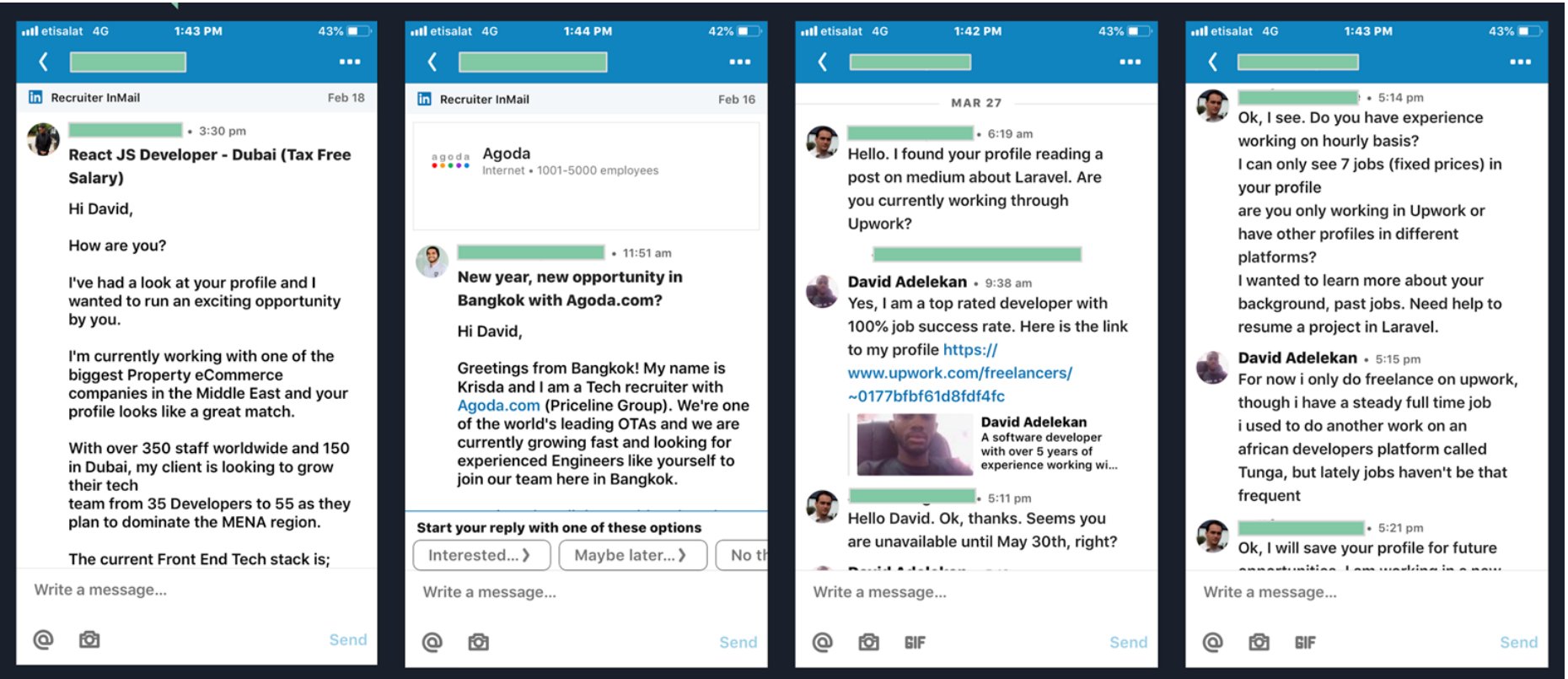

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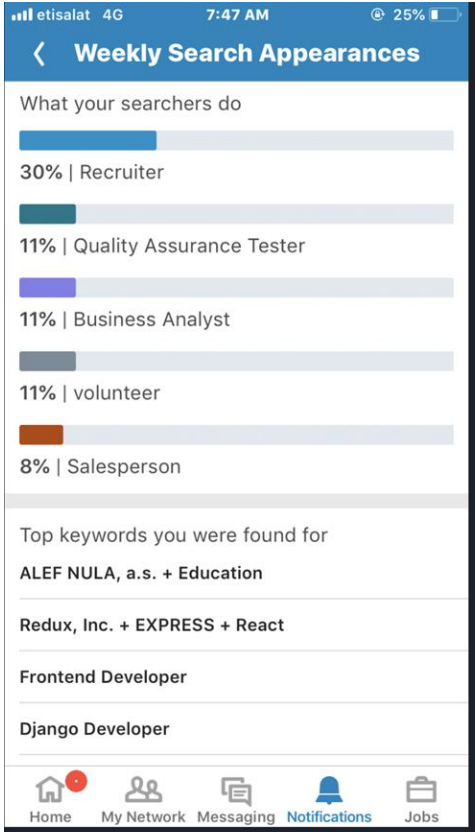

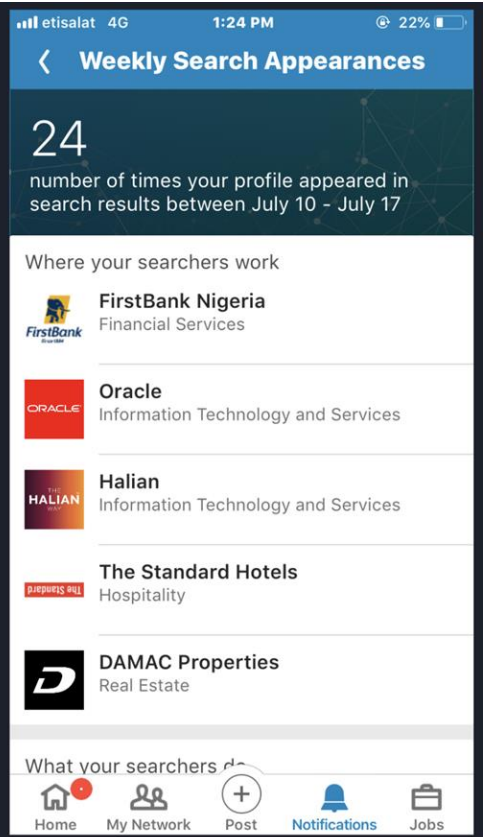

Maintaining Your Job

- Learn good development practices and tools. Software development is beyond writing of codes, (Agile, TDD, BDD, etc). Your codes should be a product to other developers.
- Own up to your shortcomings and be willing to improve on yourself.
- In the song of popular Nigerian musician Kiss Daniel: “No go dey do pass yourself”.

Thank You