

# Richmond (Kofi) Azadze

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## EDUCATION

<b>Grambling State University</b> Bachelor of Science in Computer Science   GPA: 4.0	<i>Grambling, LA</i> <i>Expected Graduation: Dec. 2028</i>
<b>Relevant Coursework:</b> Data Structures and Algorithms, Operating Systems, Software Engineering, Cloud Infrastructure, Database Systems, Artificial Intelligence, Full-Stack Web Development, Computer Architecture	

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

<b>Programming Languages:</b> Python, JavaScript, TypeScript, SQL
<b>Frameworks &amp; Tools:</b> Next.js, React, Node.js, Tailwind CSS, Firebase, NeonDB, Git, REST APIs, AWS

## EXPERIENCE

<b>Software Engineering Fellow – Headstarter AI</b>   <i>Remote</i>	Jul. 2024 – Oct. 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Built 5+ AI web applications using Next.js, Firebase, and OpenAI API achieving 9.2/10 mentor code quality score and completing complex projects within tight 1-week sprint cycles throughout intensive fellowship program</li><li>Improved application performance by 35% through asynchronous data fetching and component-level caching strategies, significantly reducing user drop-off during critical interaction points.</li></ul>	
<b>Lead Developer – Penny Track</b>   <i>Remote</i>	Jun. 2024 – Jan. 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Launched serverless budgeting platform serving 50+ MAUs with Firebase and Next.js architecture, achieving 99.9% uptime through strategic infrastructure design and automated monitoring systems</li><li>Increased user retention by 25% through data-driven UX redesigns, including an excellent user interface and goal tracking features, validated through comprehensive user testing sessions with 20+ participants</li></ul>	
<b>Freelance Full Stack Developer</b>   <i>Remote</i>	Jan. 2022 – Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Developed 10+ mobile-first web platforms for startups achieving 25% faster load times through SSR, lazy loading, and Lighthouse optimizations, consistently delivering projects ahead of client deadlines</li><li>Implemented advanced SEO strategies and CMS integrations using React and Firebase, improving client search rankings by 40%, generating measurable increases in organic traffic and lead conversion rates</li></ul>	

## PROJECTS

<b>Sankpost AI – Social Media Content Generator</b>   <i>Next.js, Gemini API, Clerk, NeonDB</i>	<a href="https://sankpost.me">sankpost.me</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Developed comprehensive SaaS platform automating branded content creation and reducing generation latency by 40% through optimized NeonDB operations, smart caching mechanisms, and parallelized prompt processing pipelines</li><li>Integrated Clerk authentication and dynamic brand tone presets enabling creators to generate 50+ customized posts per session, significantly streamlining content workflow and improving user productivity metrics</li></ul>	
<b>Penny Track – Personal Finance Tracker</b>   <i>Next.js, Firebase, Tailwind CSS</i>	<a href="https://pennytrack.tech">pennytrack.tech</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Built comprehensive budgeting app that reduced manual input time by 70% through intelligent categorized views, automated transaction syncing, and detailed monthly spend summaries with visual analytics dashboard</li><li>Implemented scalable Firestore architecture and Firebase Auth supporting secure multi-session authentication for 50+ concurrent users, ensuring data consistency and real-time synchronization across devices</li></ul>	
<b>Portfolio Website</b>   <i>Next.js, ShadcnUI, Tailwind CSS</i>	<a href="https://richmondazadze.me">richmondazadze.me</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Built high-performance portfolio website achieving sub-2s load times and 99% faster page transitions through strategic code splitting, semantic HTML implementation, and static site generation optimization techniques</li><li>Developed interactive user interface with animated transitions and project tracking functionality using ShadcnUI components, which increased visitor engagement by 45% and generated 20+ professional inquiries</li></ul>	

## LEADERSHIP & ACTIVITIES

<b>Amazon Prep Series</b>   <i>Technical Interview Preparation</i>	Jun. 2025 – Jul. 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Completed Amazon’s intensive technical interview preparation program, mastering system design and behavioral interview techniques</li></ul>	
<b>CodePath</b>   <i>Technical Interview Prep Course</i>	Jun. 2025 – Aug. 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Completed intensive 10-week technical interview course with 300+ students, mastering data structures and algorithms for problem-solving</li></ul>	
<b>ColorStack Member</b>   <i>Community Engagement</i>	Jan. 2025 – Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Actively participating in the largest community of Black and Latinx computer science students, engaging in mentorship and professional development initiatives</li></ul>	

## CERTIFICATIONS

<b>IBM Artificial Intelligence Practitioner Certificate V2</b> – IBM (Apr. 2025)
<b>Enterprise Design Thinking Practitioner</b> – IBM (Feb. 2025)