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## Summary

I am a 21 years software developer who has a mission of creating more problem solvers through entrepreneurship and motivation. I am an introverted result-oriented person, loves team work and have experience working with different teams at Andela, AC Group, Rujo Rooms, GitStart, The Gym Rwanda, Rise and Talk Club, and Technika.

I once wanted to become a priest, when it didn't happen, I knew I was destined much more. I am an accountable leader who lead with passion, values opinions and feedbacks, and inspire my people to be the best they can be.

I have been a blogger for 5 years now, and it is one of the ways I use to share what I know with the world. I am a student soon to graduate with Advanced Diploma in Information Technology and a startup founder who got a chance to mentor other startup founders at TechStars Startup Weekend Kigali.

I love empowering people and making products that make an impact. When I am not working, I enjoy music, walking, group talks, reading, watching movies or watching business documentaries.

I am ready to grab any opportunity, hit me up, if you think we can work together!

## Experience



### Chief Executive Officer

Technika.

Nov 2022 - Present (4 months)

You will find me mostly working on delegating tasks and following up, calling prospects and developing marketing strategies and seeing it implemented, and working on bringing new people to the team, it has been challenging experience; but made me grow faster, and learn a lot.



### Content Developer & Writer

Technika.

Jun 2020 - Present (2 years 9 months)

Technika is an organization that is working to eradicate digital illiterate. We believe that the future is digital and digital literates will be the drivers of that future. Our programs create those people.



### Community Coordinator

AFFLATUS AFRICA

Nov 2022 - Jan 2023 (3 months)



### Code + Design Camp Coach

The Gym - software development trainee program

Dec 2022 - Dec 2022 (1 month)

For the period of 4 days, participants got to define problems, brainstorm for solutions, implement solutions and present them. My responsibilities with other coaches was to deliver presentations on how they will do that, and provide support to them until they have MVP. It was really a nice experience to see how people are talented and innovative. This taught me that if we train enough people to solve problems, we are going to be making a way for our generation.



## **Program Coordinator**

### **AFFLATUS AFRICA**

Sep 2022 - Nov 2022 (3 months)

The Mentor for Change program will help African youth identify their careers, create their career vision, and guide them in developing personal growth and skills needed to succeed in their fields of interest. I am the coordinator of this Program and I am in charge of matching mentors to mentees, and helping their mentorship relationship achieve its goals.



## **Web Development Intern**

### **GitStart | Community (YC S19)**

Aug 2022 - Oct 2022 (3 months)

Full time internship in GitStart. Working on open source projects including Metabase, Supabase, Parabol, Storybook and more. This was really an experience.



## **Podcast Host**

### **My Lovely Africa podcast**

Apr 2022 - Sep 2022 (6 months)

It is saddening to me to see people leaving Africa every day. They claim to go looking for a better life, but they don't realize that they are the ones responsible for betterment of the continent.



## **Technical Team Lead**

### **Andela**

Feb 2022 - Aug 2022 (7 months)

Responsibilities:

- Participate in meetings with other TTLs prepared by the coordinator
- Work with trainees to prepare demos
- Conduct daily Standups
- Unblock the trainees in their daily activities
- Keep and report data on each assigned trainee
- Give one on one constructive feedback to my assigned trainees
- Reviewing trainees' Pull Requests



## **Desk Clerk**

### **Rujo Rooms**

Nov 2021 - Feb 2022 (4 months)

In just 3 months, I was in holidays after finishing year 1 studies in university, I got this opportunity to gain new experience working at the front desk at Rujo Rooms (A small hostel located in Kigali, on the

side of Kigali Convention Center). It was short, but I got new experiences and met new people from there. It is always a good thing to learn from people, and gain experience.



## **Web Development Intern**

AC Group Rwanda

Mar 2021 - Jul 2021 (5 months)

Responsibilities:

Ensure high quality graphic standards and brand consistency

Create quality mockups and prototypes

Collaborate with back-end developers and web designers to improve usability

Optimize applications for maximum speed

Use REACT JS library to create user-friendly web pages

Maintain and improve websites



## **Engineering Trainee**

Andela

Oct 2020 - Jul 2021 (10 months)

The 9 month training where we focused on JavaScript programming language. In this training, I learned how to develop websites from scratch until they get to the market and it was my first time doing that. I also got in-depth training on communication, personal growth, learning and many more transferrable skills.

## **Education**



### **Integrated Polytechnic Regional College (IPRC) Kigali**

Advanced Diploma, Information Technology

Mar 2021 - Mar 2024



### **IPRC Kigali**

Undergraduate, Network

2017 - 2019

## **Licenses & Certifications**



### **Entrepreneurship Skills Development - East African Community**

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### **Marketing and Branding Training - AFFLATUS AFRICA**

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### **Participation in Zindi Kinyarwanda-English Text Cleaning Hackaton - Zindi**

2



### **Interpersonal Communication Training - AFFLATUS AFRICA**

3



**Startup Mentoring Certification** - Startup Weekend Kigali

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**Software Engineering Training** - Andela

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**Introduction to Digital Journalism Certification by Reuters** - Reuters

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**Fundamentals of digital marketing** - Google Digital Garage

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## **Skills**

Thunkable No Code app development • Collaborative Problem Solving • Public Speaking • Presentation Skills • Team Management • Microsoft Office • Marketing Management • Digital Strategy • Coaching • Team Leadership