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SUMMARY

Final year bachelor's degree student with a background in web design and a bias to Django and PHP backends. Close to 3 years of experience building company websites and a personal e-commerce website with over 50,000 monthly visitors as well as an internship with an American retail company. Former journalist.

Languages and skills: Python, PHP, JavaScript, Java, Django, SQL, HTML, CSS.

EXPERIENCE

Junior Software Engineer, Plastic Lumberyard LLC   Dec 2020 – Aug 2021

– Developed web application back-end components using PHP and Python.
– Maintained large databases and configured internal applications to reduce loading times by over 200%.
– Analyzed data from 1000+ buyers to provide internal product stocking insights.
– Provided training support and guidance to 2 interns.
– Designed and coded information retrieval module and stemming algorithm in Python that was implemented in the website's search engine.
– Integrated internal database with external accounting and inventory software using various APIs.

Intern, Plastic Lumberyard LLC   Mar 2020 – Dec 2020

– Analyzed inventory data for over 1200 products and cleaned the data using SQL.
– Developed Python script that automated the linking of internal data cutting down product itemization time by 50%.
– Gained experienced working in a fast-paced environment using scrum agile methodology.
– Successfully converted internship into part-time job when I was promoted in 6 months

Reporter and Columnist, Nation Media Group   Mar 2013– March 2019

– Created features for the main magazines through interviews, research, and covering events.
– Recruited and mentored 7 reporters from internship to fulltime employment.
– Maintained a weekly column for the ZuQka pullout, 'Comrades.' The column, which ran for two years, was popular for its humor and satire.
– Managed reporters and photographers and assigned them to press events for content curation.

PROJECTS

Co-Founder and Software Developer, Tuuze.co.ke   2019 to date

– Co-created a bespoke e-commerce website from scratch to a peak of $3000 a month in sales.
– Engineering of the application using HTML5, CSS3, PostgreSQL, and PHP alongside API integrations.
– Spearheaded marketing growing the site to a peak of 50,000 monthly visitors.

Developer, DevSearch Africa. Github   Under development

– Building a jobs listing site for African developers using Django and react.js

EDUCATION

University of the People – BSc. Computer Science – Exp Grad: Jul 2022 CGPA: 3.85

– Awarded a full scholarship because of exemplary grades.
– Featured on the President's List throughout for maintaining a cumulative GPA of over 3.85.

Harvard Law School – Certificate in Copyright Law – Grad: Jun 2018

– Was selected as one of 25 finalists from thousands of African applicants to pursue Harvard's Copyright Law certificate focus on software copyright.
– Selected as part of team that advised Kenyan legislators on amendment of Copyright Law