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POFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Software Engineer with practical experience in Java, JavaScript, Python and developing both frontend and backend components. I am skilled in automated testing and CI tools like Jenkins, GitLab CI/CD, Selenium, JUnit, and JMeter. Experienced in building reliable, scalable, and maintainable software with a focus on code quality, performance, and Agile team collaboration. Dedicated to continuous learning and delivering efficient, user-friendly applications.

EDUCATION

Cardiff UniversityApplied Software Engineering

Cardiff, United Kingdom
2022 – 2025

SKILLS SUMMARY

Languages: JavaScript, Python, Java, Kotlin.

• Testing & Automation: JUnit, Selenium, JMeter, GitLab CI/CD, Jenkins.

Database Expertise: MySQL, SQLite3, SQLAlchemy.

• Web Development Django, Spring Boot, Next.JS, Tailwind CSS.

• Version Control: Git.

• **DevOps**: Linux, Vagrant, AWS, Docker, NGINX, Terraform.

WORK EXPERIENCE

JUNIOR SOFTWARE DEVELOPER | eProd Solutions

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June 2024 - Sept 2024

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- Nairobi, Kenya
 - Built a Delphi-based installer for the e-prod with real-time error logging using Grijjy Remote Logger
 - Used Jira and OpenProject to coordinate and track team progress
 - Deployed Wazuh on Ubuntu for threat detection and response
 - Contributed to EUDR compliance via polygon mapping and documentation

OPEN-SOURCE RESEARCHER - Centre for Information Resilience

Oct-2024 - Dec-2024

Cardiff, United Kingdom

- Investigated human rights violations for the Myanmar Witness Project using OSINT techniques, including geolocation, chronolocation and tools like Sentinel and Google Earth Pro
- Expanded research reach through foreign-language SEO, produced detailed advocacy reports, and strengthened collaboration and real-world investigative skills

PROJECTS

Alacrity Data Sharing Platform | Link (Awarded as the best project)

January 2025 - April 2025

- Developed a no-code web platform for encrypted healthcare data sharing to support privacy-preserving AI/ML research.
- Implemented Fernet and homomorphic encryption, ensuring privacy during computation and download for AI/ML.
- Set up GitLab CI/CD pipelines with 60% enforced code coverage, linting, and documentation checks for frontend and backend.
- Wrote Jenkins, Terraform, and shell scripts to containerize all 6 services with Docker; configured NGINX for secure routing; automated deployment via webhooks, reducing deploy time to under 2 minutes.
- Built and optimized upload, encryption, download, and analysis features via caching and added 3-level access control and dashboard
- Served as Scrum Master, led sprint planning, reviews, and client demos for the Alacrity Foundation.

Individual Android App Development | Link

April 2024 - May 2024

- Developed an Android app enabling user authentication with Firebase and skill listing.
- Implemented location-based search to identify nearby service providers, displaying contact info and service costs.
- Integrated a user review system, collecting and displaying feedback to improve service quality and user trust.

Spring Boot Team Project | Link

Nov 2023 – Dec 2023

- Developed an employee peer review platform with dynamic forms, approval workflows, and role-based dashboards, supporting simulated workflows for up to 100 users and processing 200+ review submissions in testing scenarios.
- Implemented backend logic for review requests, approvals, and authentication, supporting 100 concurrent users securely.
- Conducted JMeter and VisualVM performance testing, optimized system performance under simulated peak concurrent load.
- Deployed the system using Terraform, OpenStack, and shell scripts, reducing deployment time to under 5 minutes.
- Scrum Master for 2 sprints, led planning, stand-ups, retrospectives, and client demos, achieving over 90% sprint goals.

CERTIFICATES

- IBM DevOps and Software Engineering Professional Certificate (Jan 2025 April 2025) [Credentials]
- Microsoft Certified: Azure AI Fundamentals (May 2025) [Credentials]
- Docker Foundations Professional Certificate (May 2025) [Credentials]
- Microsoft Certified: Azure Fundamentals (June 2025) [Credentials]
- Microsoft Certified: Azure Data Fundamentals (July 2025) [Credentials]
- Global Mentorship Initiative (GMI) 2024