

Raymond Gakwaya

Tech enthusiast with 5+ years of experience in software development, enterprise architecture, and agile methodologies. Proven success in delivering innovative solutions while collaborating seamlessly with international and distributed teams.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Software Developer — Union54 Ltd, Remote, Zambia

November 2023 - February 2025

- Investigated and resolved bugs and performance issues, enhancing application reliability.
- Assisted in software deployments and updates, ensuring minimal disruptions for users.
- Contributed to the software development lifecycle through code reviews and feature development.
- Automated troubleshooting tasks, significantly reducing resolution time and improving efficiency.

Senior Software Developer — Goodbank, Remote, Philippines

Fastest growing Neobank / Fintech in Philippines. April 2023 - October 2023

- Investigated and resolved complex technical issues, contributing to a 20% decrease in system downtime.
- Implemented best practices for code review and conducted regular knowledge-sharing sessions which improved team efficiency.
- Collaborated with product managers to prioritize and implement new features, enhancing the overall user experience and customer satisfaction.

Senior Software Developer — ZAP Group Inc., Remote, Philippines

The #1 loyalty & rewards provider across Philippines and Asia since 2013.

March 2022 - March 2023

- Developed and delivered a successful Minimum Viable Product (MVP) for a loyalty website, showcasing technical expertise and project management skills.
- Designed and implemented robust APIs, improving system interoperability and facilitating integration with third-party applications.
- Innovated and implemented a continuous integration and deployment pipeline, reducing deployment time by 40%.

Frontend Developer — AYU Digital Ltd, Remote, UK

Global Startup software development company based in the UK.

May 2021 - Feb 2022

- Implemented user interfaces for various client projects, meeting both aesthetic and functional requirements.
- Implemented and optimized front-end components, enhancing website performance and reducing load times by 20%.
- Integrated third-party APIs and libraries to extend the functionality of web applications.

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TECHNOLOGIES

Stack

Javascript, NodeJS,
React/NextJS, PostgreSQL,
Express

Other

MongoDB, GraphQL, REST,
Sequelize ORM, Prisma ORM,
AWS (EC2, S3, Route53,
CloudFront), Heroku, JIRA,
CircleCI

CERTIFICATES

AWS Fundamentals: Going

Cloud-Native. This is an online non-credit course authorized by Amazon Web Services and offered through Coursera

Andela Bootcamp Certificate.

This is a technical workshop that qualifies a person with skills in web development and in soft skills with EPIC values(Excellence, Passion, Integrity, and Collaboration).

PROJECTS

Peacemaker 360.

Stack: MERN(MongoDb, Express, React, Node js)

Evently app.

Stack: PREN(Postgres, React, Express, Node js)

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PREN(Postgres, React, Express, Node js)

LANGUAGES

Kinyarwanda native
English B1, fluent

Technical Team Lead — Andela, Hybrid, Rwanda

Global software development company with Headquarters in USA.

Feb 2021 - Sep 2021

- Led an agile team of 7 software engineering trainees through all phases of the software development life cycle.
- Fostered a collaborative and innovative team culture that resulted in a 90% overall team productivity.
- Implemented best practices and coding standards, resulting in a 70% improvement in code quality and maintainability.
- Collaborated with product managers to understand requirements and expectations, ensuring the delivery of high-quality software solutions.

Software Engineer — Andela, Hybrid, Rwanda

Global software development company with Headquarters in USA.

May 2019 - April 2020

- Drove user story analysis and feature grooming within an agile team
- Collaborated with other teammates in a distributed team, to design and implement effective client-server protocols,
- Implemented and optimized front-end components, enhancing website performance
- Developed automated and performance tests for web-based applications

Back-end Software Engineer — Lifestores Healthcare, Hybrid, Nigeria

May 2019 - April 2020

My primary responsibilities included:

- Developing and maintaining the backend code for HealthId, a web-based application
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- Implementing automated and performance tests
- Ensuring smooth deployment of the codebase
- Collaborating closely with the Chief Technology Officer to resolve project challenges and meet deadlines effectively

EDUCATION

**University of Kigali (UoK),
Bachelor of Science with honours in Information and Technology**

Kigali, Rwanda

2017 - 2021

**OpenClassrooms,
Associate's-level diploma in Web Development**

OpenClassrooms is an online training educational establishment, declared as such by the French authority 'le rectorat de l'Académie de Paris' OpenClassrooms.

Paris, France

2018 - 2019