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SUMMARY

Software Engineer with 4+ years in full-stack production experience building and scaling web and mobile applications across the JavaScript ecosystem (Node.js, TypeScript, Express, React, React Native, Next.js). Proven track record architecting platforms end-to-end from database design and REST APIs to accessible, high-performance frontends with a strong interest in AI and digital transformation. Co-founder and lead engineer of a real estate platform; previously improved healthcare workflow efficiency by 50% and led key codebase migrations.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: JavaScript, TypeScript, Node.js, SQL, HTML, CSS

Frameworks / Libraries / Databases: React, React Native, Next.js, Express, Vite, Sequelize, MongoDB, MySQL, Postgres, Git, Shell/Bash scripting

Soft Skills: Problem solving, communication, teamwork, AI prompt engineering

WORK EXPERIENCE

Leestam — Lead Full Stack Engineer & Co-founder - May 2026 – Present

Next.js · Express · TypeScript · MySQL · CSS · AI

- Co-founded Leestam, a real estate platform, and solely architected it from the ground up with full ownership across backend and frontend.
- Lead development across the entire stack data modeling, API design, frontend architecture, and AI-powered features.

Starnet Technology Innovation Agency — Backend Software Engineer - Jan 2026 – May 2026

Node.js · MongoDB · REST APIs · Next.js (API routes)

- Built scalable REST APIs with Node.js and MongoDB powering client-facing products.
- Collaborated with frontend teams on performance optimization, achieving 100% customer satisfaction.

Netbuildr Africa — Asibiti Health Care System — Software Engineer - Nov 2024 – Dec 2025

React · TypeScript · Vite · Node.js · MySQL

- Implemented architectural changes to the Asibiti healthcare system, improving maintainability and scalability.
- Built reusable component libraries to support the platform's growth.
- Improved the efficiency and speed of healthcare workers' tasks by 50%, significantly enhancing patient onboarding.

Tespire (JD Lab) — Software Engineering Instructor - Sep 2025 – Oct 2025

Software Engineering Fundamentals

- Delivered lessons on foundational software engineering and structured problem-solving.
- Taught efficient research methods for breaking down problems and finding high-quality solutions.
- Trained students to leverage AI tools, documentation, and tech communities for rapid learning and troubleshooting.

PeepalTree — Software Engineer - Oct 2022 – Oct 2024

React · Node.js · MongoDB

- Spearheaded the migration from React-axios to React Query, improving performance and maintainability.
- Designed and developed intuitive, accessible user interfaces, increasing user trust and satisfaction.

Timart — Frontend Developer Intern - Mar 2022 – Sep 2022

React · Next.js · Tailwind CSS · Styled Components

- Improved sales and company value by curating product categories for easier identification.
- Modernized the web application UI with Tailwind CSS and Styled Components, increasing daily user visits and engagement.

PROJECTS

Speech/Audio Recognition AI System — Personal Project

OpenAI Whisper · Python · JavaScript · HTML · CSS

- Built a multilingual speech-to-text system using OpenAI Whisper supporting Hausa, Yoruba, and English.
- Implemented seamless translation between the three languages.

EDUCATION

Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida University, Lapai — B.Sc. Computer Science *Graduated Oct 2022*

LEADERSHIP

- IT Instructor — Tespire (JD Lab), Sep 2025 – Oct 2025