CHIMA KALU

Full-Stack Developer

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PROFILE

Full-stack developer with 6+ years shipping production software across fintech, agritech and SaaS, comfortable owning a feature from database to UI. Built a greenfield email marketing platform that cut a company's external tool costs by 40–60%, integrated third-party fintech APIs for virtual cards and transfers, built interfaces in React, Vue and Svelte, and independently delivered and maintained live client websites. Open to remote or on-site roles in Nigeria or internationally.

EXPERIENCE

Freelance Web Developer — Direct client contract (UK-based) **Jul 2024 – Present**

Remote · multi-project engagement

- Contracted by a UK-based client to build, maintain and manage a portfolio of web projects, working across multiple concurrent projects and time zones with no direct supervision.
- Delivered client websites end-to-end, from requirements to production launch, including Royal Pixy and Vygor Ltd.
- Maintain live production sites (izuobani.com, zetcsolutionsltd.com, ksji897.com) with consistent uptime and ongoing technical support.

Software Developer — Zowasel (Agritech / SaaS) **Jan 2023 – Jun 2024**

Remote contract

- Architected and built a greenfield email marketing platform (Node.js, Express, Vue.js) end-to-end: admin panel, user dashboard and REST API backend, reducing external tool costs by 40–60%.
- Engineered a reusable email template system, cutting manual campaign prep time by ~50%.
- Built multi-user collaboration into the platform, eliminating editing conflicts across the admin team.
- Designed a Staff Task Manager and a Support Ticket Assignment & Monitoring system, improving internal tracking efficiency by ~3×.
- Contributed to a platform-wide rebuild that delivered a ~30% increase in performance and reliability.

Full-Stack Developer — Essolo (Fintech, B2B Banking Platform) **Jan 2022 – Nov 2022**

Remote contract

- Built and maintained REST APIs for business onboarding and financial services: registration, OTP-based login and secure authentication, enabling self-service business account onboarding.
- Integrated multiple third-party fintech supplier APIs for account registration, virtual card issuance, PIN management and transaction processing, powering transfers, card payments and airtime recharge.
- Built the matching frontend (Svelte, Bootstrap) for virtual card creation, transfers, authentication and profile management.
- Resolved issues surfaced in QA and pre-release testing, maintaining a low-defect release record across multiple releases.

Web Developer — Javatek Africa **Jan 2020 – Dec 2021**

Full-time, hybrid

- Built and maintained client web applications with PHP, MySQL, JavaScript and jQuery for reliable, database-driven production systems.
- Mentored aspiring developers on HTML, CSS, JavaScript, PHP, MySQL and deployment fundamentals.
- Contributed to requirement analysis, implementation and delivery across live client engagements.

SELECTED PROJECTS

Zikel Solutions (React, TypeScript) — zikelsolutions.com
Corporate website for a consultancy offering strategic consulting, management support, and workflow/AI software solutions for healthcare providers, social care organisations and enterprises.

Spec Fund Management (HTML, CSS, JavaScript, PHP, MySQL) — specfundmanagement.com
Website for an SEC-regulated asset management firm offering structured investment vehicles, fixed income trading, wealth management and financial consultancy.

Royal Pixy (PHP, MySQL) — royalpixy.com
Digital media and creative wellness platform delivering structured content, lifestyle resources and personal empowerment insights. Built solo.

ZETC Solutions Limited — zetcsolutionsltd.com
Corporate site for a firm offering management consulting, capacity-building training, tax advisory, executive recruitment and healthcare governance.

Izuchukwu Obani — izuobani.com
Professional profile and academic portfolio site highlighting research in environmental governance, sustainability leadership and community development.

KSJI 897 — ksji897.com
Contributed to the website of a Catholic fraternal organisation focused on faith-based community leadership, charitable outreach and civic development.

Link in Bio (React) — link-in-bio-zzd7.vercel.app
Single-page app for sharing a personal set of links from one page.

Feedback Collector (React) — feedback-collector-lemon.vercel.app
Web app for collecting user feedback.

SKILLS

Frontend: React, Vue.js, Svelte, JavaScript (ES6+), HTML5, CSS3, Bootstrap, jQuery

Backend: Node.js, Express.js, PHP (PDO), REST API design & integration, authentication & authorization, rate limiting, caching, input validation

Databases: MySQL, PostgreSQL, SQLite; CouchDB (NoSQL); Sequelize ORM (models, migrations, query optimisation)

Fundamentals: Data structures & algorithms, object-oriented design, MVC patterns

Tools & Practice: Git/GitHub, Linux servers, cron jobs, basic DevOps workflows, responsive HTML email development

EDUCATION

B.Sc. Computer Science — University of Abia, 2018