Steve Yonkeu

Software Engineer | Microsoft MVP | PSF Fellow

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Profile Summary

Senior Python Developer, Microsoft MVP, PSF Fellow, Django Software Foundation member and Django Project Contributor with 6+ years of experience designing scalable backend architectures and GIS data pipelines. Expert in Python, PostGIS, and cloud-native environments (AWS/Azure), with a proven track record of optimizing ETL workflows processing 500GB+ of data. Experienced engineering lead and open-source advocate recognized for building reliable, high-uptime systems and fostering global developer communities.

Experience

Head of Engineering | ***Orfa AI*** Feb 2026 – Jun 2026
United States - Remote

- **Tech Stack:** *Python, Django, FastAPI, React, Next.js, PostgreSQL, Docker, Kubernetes, AWS, LLM Integration*
- - Set technical direction and architecture across the stack, from PostgreSQL schema design to React front ends.
- - Built and led a small engineering team, setting standards for code review and delivery.
- - Owned the product roadmap, breaking priorities into sprints and clearing technical blockers.
- - Bridged engineering and leadership, turning client requirements into shipped features.

Backend, Cloud & DevOps Engineer | ***Trust Consulting*** Mar 2025 – Mar 2026
Cameroon - Hybrid

- **Tech Stack:** *devops, aws, azure, backend, django, python, gcp*
- In charge of maintaining backend infrastructure, take care cloud infrastructure and architecture and also ensuring smooth constant deployment of all resources.

Data Engineer and Python GIS Developer | ***Stratomaps*** Jan 2025 – Dec 2025
France - Remote

- **Tech Stack:** *Python, Postgres, PostGIS, Airflow, Apache Spark, Apache NIFI, Git*
- Developed and maintained ETL pipelines to process and analyze geospatial data, improving data accuracy by 30% and reducing processing time by 25%. Collaborated with cross-functional teams to design and implement GIS solutions that enhanced decision-making processes for clients in the environmental sector.

Full Stack Developer | ***Unstructured Studio*** Oct 2023 – Sep 2024
India - Remote

- **Tech Stack:** *Python, Postgres, Django, Docker, Git*
- Redesigned mobile and tablet interfaces, enhancing responsiveness and boosting user engagement by 35%, increasing session durations for over 2,000 daily active usersOptimized API response times by 20% through refactoring and error handling

Backend Engineer and Team Lead | ***Batazia*** Jun 2022 – Sep 2024
Netherlands - Remote

- **Tech Stack:** *Python, Postgres, Django, Docker, Azure, AWS, Kubernetes, Git*
- Led a team of 15 developers to adopt Agile methodologies, cutting project delivery time by 20% and improving collaboration across distributed teams. Accelerated the release of a new feature set used by over 10,000 customers. Streamlined deployment processes across 5 repositories by implementing CI/CD pipelines, reducing manual errors by 15% and ensuring faster, more reliable updates to production.

Backend Engineer and Team Lead | ***Surs Exchange*** Jan 2022 – Feb 2023
USA - Remote

- **Tech Stack:** *Python, Django, API, Payment Integration, CI/CD*
- Refactored legacy codebase to optimize readability and modularity, reducing production errors by 15% and increasing maintainability. Integrated multiple payment gateways, streamlining the checkout process, and contributing to a 25% rise in monthly transaction volume.

Full Stack Software Engineer | ***Simba & Co*** Feb 2021 – Mar 2022
Cameroon - Remote

- **Tech Stack:** *Clojure, JavaScript, UI/UX, SEO, Wireframing*

- Developed high-performance Clojure-based applications, optimizing SEO and user engagement by reducing page load times, resulting in a 15% increase in organic traffic. Created detailed mockups and wireframes, leading to a 25% increase in user satisfaction.

Full Stack Django Developer | ***Go Immigration*** Jun 2021 – Jan 2022
Cameroon - Onsite

- **Tech Stack:** *Python, JavaScript, Django, Git*
- Building a fully responsible and scalable system to accommodate and manage customers procedures, reducing by a 100% crowds in the company and switching to full automation.

Personal Projects

Reckot | *reckot*, *django*, *stimulus*, *coolify*, *docker*, *kubernetes*
- Reckot is a comprehensive event management and ticketing platform built for African markets.

Local Django | *API*, *REST*, *Backend*, *AWS*
- A comprehensive localization manager for Django projects that simplifies the process of managing translations and locale-specific content.

Backend Secrets | *API*, *REST*, *Backend*, *AWS*, *Django*, *Python*, *Flask*, *FastAPI*
- A comprehensive collection of backend utilities and code snippets for various Python frameworks.

Django Crafts | *Web*, *Identity*, *API*, *REST*, *Backend*, *AWS*, *Django*, *Python*, *Flask*, *FastAPI*
- A collection of Django projects and tutorials designed to help developers learn and implement various Django features and functionalities.

Stripe Payment | *Stripe*, *Flask*, *FastAPI*
- A comprehensive repository that guides developers through the process of integrating Stripe payment processing into Python applications.

kikx | *rust*, *nextjs*, *ansible*, *kubernetes*, *terraform*, *cli*, *devops*, *coolify*
- kikx (pronounced "kicking") renders Ansible, Kubernetes and Terraform from templates and writes them into your repository as plain files you own.

Technical Skills

Languages: English, French
Backend: Python, Django, FastAPI, Flask, Node.js, MySQL, PostgreSQL, Docker, Go Lang, MongoDB, Git
Frontend: HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript ES6+, React, Vue.js, Bootstrap, Tailwind CSS
Cloud & DevOps: Microsoft Azure, Google Cloud Platform, Amazon Web Services, Jenkins, Kubernetes, Nginx, Caddy, Terraform, GitHub Actions, Ansible, ELK Stack
Specialized: PostGIS, Apache Airflow, Apache NiFi, GDAL/OGR, GeoPandas, QGIS Python API, Conda, Grafana, Prometheus, CloudWatch

Education

University of Bamenda - Polytechnic Institute
Bachelor in Computer Engineering *Oct 2019 – Nov 2023*

Interests

Open-source advocacy, Automation, Hiking, Outdoor Team Sports, and Exploring Global Cuisines.