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PROFILE

Passionate results-driven Software Developer & Front-End/UI Designer with experience building modern web apps, intuitive interfaces, responsive experiences, and AI-powered platforms from concept to deployment.

EDUCATION

2019-2022: National Diploma in Information Technology (Software Development), Nelson Mandela University, Port Elizabeth.

- 2nd Place – 2021 NMU Computer Society Hackathon

EMPLOYMENT

Junior Software Developer, Appimate Pty Ltd, East London (Jul 2024 - Present)

- Implemented responsive designs increasing mobile engagement by 25%.
- Integrated RESTful APIs and optimized performance by 30%.
- Developed impactful web & mobile applications that delivers real value to users and businesses.

PROJECTS

Appimate Studio (Jan 2025-May 2026)

AI creative platform (Text-to-Image/Video). Lead Front-End/UI Designer - full implementation.
Tech: Next.js, React, TypeScript, Tailwind, ShadCN, OpenAI.

CropMarket (Jun 2025-May 2026)

Agricultural marketplace platform. Lead Front-End/UI Designer - full implementation
Tech: Next.js, React, TypeScript, Tailwind, REST APIs.

The Voice Lounge (Jun 2025-Jul 2025)

Digital media hub with radio, podcast & recording studio features. Lead Front-End/UI Designer - full implementation.
Tech: Next.js, React, TypeScript, Tailwind, ShadCN, Live Streaming.

SKILLS

Frontend: HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript, TypeScript, React.js, Next.js, Tailwind CSS, ShadCN.
Other: PHP/Laravel, MySQL, Git, Figma, Blender, REST APIs, UI/UX Design, Responsive Design, AI Integration.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- 1st Place - 2025 MICTSETA Hackathon
- 1st Place – 2025 ELIDZ 48hr Hackathon
- 3rd Place – UCT-Cortex Hub FinTech Hackathon

REFERENCES

Luthando Maqondo, Founder Appimate Pty Ltd. luthando@appimate.com
Siyamamkela Mafu, Senior Software Engineer, NML. Smafu80@gmail.com
Brian Tandikhaya Mbana, Founder, CropMarket. btmbana@gmail.com