Engombe Lokanga

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Education

BSc Computing and Information Technology at Birmingham City University	Sept 2022 - May 2025
A Levels in Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science at Sandwell Academy	Sept 2018 - May 2020

Experience

Hackathons

Dec 2024 - Jan 2025: ARENA Landing Page Challenge

- The challenge was an online event that lasted for **2** weeks
- Developed a <u>landing page site</u> for a sports start-up that handles users filling out a form to recommend sports sessions to choose from and to purchase them via **Stripe**
- The website was a full-stack application that contained Next.js, Django & PostgreSQL

Nov 2024: DurHack | Durham University, Durham, England

- Built a **front-end mobile app** for **Atom Bank** in a team of **4** in **24** hours
- We designed the app using Figma and developed it using React Native, running it on the Android Studio emulator

June 2024: HODLOK Web Development Hackathon and Stoado FinTech Challenge

- My business, HODLOK, collaborated with <u>Valyfy</u>, a careers start-up, to deliver an <u>online 30-hour web</u> <u>development hackathon</u> for 15 Computer Science students
- Competed in the Stoado FinTech Challenge in Edgbaston where in a team of **3**, I designed a <u>mobile app</u> to complement the Stoado platform using **Figma**

Freelancing

January 2024 - Present

- Developed a <u>landing page site</u> for a client a **full-stack web application** using the **MERN** stack
- The website contained MongoDB, Express.js, React.js and Node.js
- GitHub Link: https://github.com/Engombe23/council-tax-fraud

Work Experience Student

July 2019: Codeweavers Ltd | Stafford, England

- Developed a text-based role-playing game alongside 2 other work-experience students in C#
- Shadowed by a senior backend engineer, learning object-oriented programming
- Presented the game to the Codeweavers team

Projects

Connect 4

April 2024 - May 2024

Associated with Birmingham City University

- Worked on developing the memorable game in my 2nd year of university with my classmate in **Python**
- Developed the game in 2 user interfaces, the command line and a GUI
- To enable the game to run in a GUI, we used the **Tkinter** package within Python to display the GUI and add key features such as the board and the pieces
- GitHub Link: https://github.com/Engombe23/Connect-4

OccultPod-Web

May 2023 - Dec 2023

- A podcast website using the MERN stack (MongoDB, Express.js, React.js & Node.js)
- This project was inspired by The Real Python Tutorial on creating a podcast aggregator
- Learned about the **rss-parser** npm package to extract the **RSS feed** of a podcast
- GitHub Link: https://github.com/Engombe23/OccultPod-Web

Automatic Plant Watering System

Feb 2023 - May 2023

Associated with Birmingham City University

- An electronics project that I worked on in my 1st year of university in a team of 5 using C++
- A prototype of an Automatic Plant Watering System. The plant is watered depending on its condition.
- We used equipment such as the **Arduino, Breadboard, Jumper wires, Relay module, LED lights** to develop the prototype
- I wrote my experience of working on this project on my blog titled "My Experience Building a Hardware-Centred Prototype as an Aspiring Software Engineer"
- GitHub Link: https://github.com/Engombe23/AutomaticPlantWateringSystem

Speed Rush

Sept 2019 - May 2020

Associated with Sandwell Academy

- A **basic racing game** project that I worked on in my 2nd year of sixth form
- The player has **60** seconds to reach the finish line before the time runs out
- GitHub Link: https://github.com/Engombe23/Speed-Rush
- **Tools used**: HTML, CSS, p5.js (a JavaScript library)