

# James Kariuki

## Computer Science graduate

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## PROFILE

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I am a Computer Science graduate from Tharaka University with strong skills in Python, Django and full-stack web development. I build clean, efficient systems and user-friendly interfaces, with experience developing platforms like <https://teklora.co.ke> and <https://materdei-gatunga.academy>. I'm also skilled in IT support, networking and adapting new technologies including AI. I enjoy solving real problems through practical, reliable digital solutions and I'm always ready to learn, collaborate and deliver.

## EXPERIENCE

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### IT Intern(Industrial Attachment), Mount Kenya University-Nairobi Campus

05/2024 – 08/2024

- Assisted in upgrading digital platforms and ensuring cross-device compatibility for campus systems.
- Contributed to front-end interface adjustments for internal web applications.
- Improved performance and accessibility by troubleshooting UI inconsistencies across browsers.

### Developers Team Lead, Teklora Limited

07/2025 – Present

Nairobi, Kenya

- Led design and development of a responsive, mobile-first website to increase community engagement.
- Built reusable UI components and layout structures using HTML, CSS, JavaScript and Tailwind CSS.
- Created design prototypes and visual assets in Figma, ensuring alignment with brand identity.

### ICT officer, Mater Dei School Gatunga

01/2026 – Present

Tharaka Nithi

- Developed and maintain the school's official website (<https://materdei-gatunga.academy/>).
- Manage the computer laboratory and provide user technical support.
- Oversee CCTV systems operation and basic maintenance.
- Handle day-to-day ICT support for hardware, software and networking.

## EDUCATION

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### Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Tharaka University

2021 – 2025

## SKILLS

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### Programming & Systems

Python, PHP, JavaScript, Unix/Linux (CLI, Shell)

### Backend Development

Django, Laravel, Node.js, RESTful APIs, Authentication, Server-Side Logic

### AI & Intelligent Systems

AI API Integration, Prompt Engineering, Automation Scripts, Data Processing

### API Integration & Payments

Daraja (M-PESA), PayPal APIs, OAuth/Auth Systems (Clerk), Webhooks, Secure Token Handling

### Front-End Development

HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript, Tailwind CSS, Bootstrap, Responsive Design, Accessibility

### Databases

PostgreSQL, MySQL, SQLite, Database Design & Optimization

### Tools & DevOps

Git, CI/CD Basics, Version Control, Deployment & Server Management

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

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Performed on-page SEO optimization for <https://materdei-gatunga.academy/>, improving site structure, visibility, and search readiness.

Deployed and managed live production systems on AWS EC2, including server configuration, domain management, and uptime maintenance. <https://teklora.co.ke/>

## PROJECT

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### <https://imagery-wine.vercel.app/>

- Designed front-end UI/UX of the platform with user flows, prototypes and usability testing.
- Integrated gemini flash 2.5 model backend with a clean React-based frontend to classify and display waste categories.
- Developed responsive layouts and interactive dashboards for both mobile and desktop users.

### <https://teklora.co.ke/>

- Designed and built a full website with a focus on accessibility, responsive design and intuitive navigation.
- Created scalable UI components, established a design system and maintained consistent branding.

## CERTIFICATIONS

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- AI Fundamentals with IBM SkillsBuild by Cisco Networking Academy
- AWS Academy Graduate - AWS Cloud Foundations
- Introduction to Data Science
- Data Analytics Essentials Cisco Networking Academy
- Python Essentials 1
- Artificial Intelligence Fundamental
- Introduction to Modern AI Cisco Networking Academy
- Python Essentials 2

## References

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