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EXPERIENCE

DevRel Lead

Sep. 2024 – Present

SOON (Solana Optimistic Network)

Remote

- Leading developer relations initiatives for SOON, the first optimistic rollup which uses decoupled SVM as an execution
- Building and nurturing the developer community through technical content, workshops, and documentation
- Driving adoption of SOON's optimistic roll-up technology among Solana developers

Developer Relations Engineer

Aug. 2023 – Aug. 2024

Fetch

Remote

- Engineered a Circle-powered cross-chain bridge for frictionless token swaps
- Developed the Pay.Wallet application for next-generation crypto users
- Enhanced cross-chain aggregator backend, adding support for Squid router and DeBridge
- Created backend and SDK for Plex, including third-party integrations (GitHub, Spotify, Telegram, Discord)

Software Engineer

Jan. 2022 – Aug. 2023

iCeipts

Pune, India

- Developed end-to-end solution for a scan and pay app
- Implemented algorithm for a dating application for an Africa-based client
- Developed a ride-booking mobile app using Google Maps API
- Improved backend architecture for fleet and waste management systems

PROJECTS

Joule Finance | *Aptos, Axelar*

June 2024 – Present

- Developed programs for the LRT bridge and money market, including lending and borrowing
- Achieved 100k transactions within one week of testnet launch; surpassed 50k users in money market
- Used Axelar to support different EVM LSTs for LRT bridging

Shuffles | *Jupiter Exchange, DeBridge, Wormhole*

May 2024 – Present

- Developed a cross-chain DeFi suite mobile app with major features like limit orders, DCA, and cross-chain bridge aggregator
- Built a self-custodial wallet for DeFi power users, enhancing investment flexibility
- Optimised the whole system to make bridging in less than 10 seconds

ACHIEVEMENTS

Developed **Onlyblinks**, blinks registry on solana containing more than 300 different kinds of blinks.
Winner of **25+ global hackathons**, showcasing expertise in blockchain and decentralized technologies.
Speaker at **20+ events**, covering blockchain topics, Solana, and development best practices.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Fellow @ Solana - Selected for the Solana fellowship and worked on various projects including CLI tools and SPL token libraries.

Member @ Superteam - Assisted fellow members by writing content, creating projects, and making documentation for new developers entering the Solana ecosystem.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: TypeScript, Solidity, Python, Rust, Go

Frameworks: React Native, Next.js, Django, Flask, Tailwind

Blockchain: Solana, Ethereum, Aptos, Sui, Polygon, Cosmos, Axelar, Wormhole

Tools: Moralis, Hardhat, Foundry, Truffle, Ganache, Anchor