CV - Opemipo Aikomo

I design and build software products and companies.

Introduction

Expertise

- Design & product lead with full-stack engineering experience
- Founded multiple tech companies in Africa ([Paystack](), [Devcenter](), [Helloworld]())
- Designed and built over a dozen software products in the last decade
- Built a 20-person design org across brand, product, editorial, systems and operations
- Deeply understands global financial systems (including crypto)

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Career

Head of Design - [Paystack]() (acquired by Stripe)

2016 - 2024

Paystack helps African merchants get paid by anyone, anywhere in the world. The company was acquired by [Stripe]() in 2020 for over $200 million.

- Started on the founding team responsible for all design and frontend development
- Designed and scaled financial products and systems across six countries
- Built and scaled a 20-person design org that worked across Product Design, Brand Design, Editorial Design, Design Systems & Design Operations
- Led and mentored multiple product and engineering teams
- Established company-wide communication and documentation systems

Co-founder - [Helloworld]()

2014 - 2018

Helloworld is a technology-driven design studio building digital products, brands and business. I co-founded the studio in 2014 with Timi Ajiboye.

Designed and launched various projects, including:

- [Sendcash](#), a crypto-powered remittance app
- [Tix](#), a self-service ticketing platform
- [JAND](#), a comic about Nigerian students in London
- [The Subtext](#), a web publication

Co-founder - [Devcenter](#)

2014 - 2016

Devcenter is a community for software developers and designers in Africa. The community has over 20,000 active members in Slack and has helped hundreds of digital technology workers find job placements.

- Designed and built the early Devcenter platform
- Started the open-source group Devcenter Square
- Hosted community events for designers and developers

Interests

Founder - [Independent Arts](#)

Independent Arts is a not-for-profit institution that supports creators in Nigeria to produce passion projects. We provide research, grants, press and a network of producers.

Education

Obafemi Awolowo University - B.Sc. Computer Engineering

2008 - 2014

- Graduated with upper second class honors

Publications

- [The Process: Building a better Checkout](#) - Increment
- [Paystack Commerce Website](#) - Fonts in Use
- [Seventy Years of Nigerian Album Covers](#) - The Guardian