

Farouq Seriki

Senior React Native Engineer · Full-stack · Native iOS/Android

Lagos, Nigeria (UTC+1) · Remote · Contractor or EOR ready

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SUMMARY

Senior React Native engineer with 6+ years shipping production apps across fintech, media, hiring, marketplaces and health, owning work from app to production. CTO with equity at two fintechs; I write native Swift and Kotlin when a feature needs it and wrote freeCodeCamp's Live Activities and iOS NFC handbooks.

EXPERIENCE

Independent Senior Mobile & Full-Stack Engineer · Remote

Apr 2025 – Present

Part-time engagements across fintech, media, hiring and marketplaces; CTO with equity at two early-stage fintechs.

Recdek · Full-Stack Developer (React Native, NestJS) · Part-time contract

Aug 2025 – Present

Film and TV social app: 4.76★ App Store (34 UK ratings), 4.4★ Google Play, 1K+ installs.

- Pushed 19 App Store releases (Feb–Sep 2026, through v1.9.37) and merged 176 pull requests across the app, API and event dashboard.
- Raised beta-upload success from 47% (77/163) to 100% (16/16), and all-pipeline success from 66% to 92%, by maintaining and fixing the Fastlane and GitHub Actions pipelines.
- Fixed 10 critical security issues from my audit before a Variety press feature, including multiple account-takeover paths, with 40 new tests.
- Built the event screens and APIs behind a dashboard that publishes events with no app release; the last store-shipped event took about 2 days just to reach App Review.
- Built an AI pipeline that illustrated 639 film collections in production, with a second model proofreading every title (~\$0.0002 per check).
- Cut filtered watchlist load from ~3.2s to 66–250ms (staging) by fixing a cache that expired instantly and letting requests share one refresh.

Remoting · Senior Mobile Developer (React Native) · Part-time contract

Dec 2025 – Present

Hiring platform for employers (US company); mobile app live on the App Store and Google Play.

- Built the React Native (Expo) app from first setup to App Store and Google Play: AI job descriptions, job posting, candidate ranking, interviews, offers and team management.
- Integrated Stripe card setup, saved cards and Stripe Connect into the hire checkout, with retry for failed payments.
- Shipped push notifications on iOS and Android: devices register after sign-in and detach on sign-out, so a shared phone never shows the previous user's alerts.
- Fixed account deletion, which showed "success" while the server rejected every request (a common App Store rejection); it now confirms the password and reports real failures.

3KLE Finance · Lead React Native Developer (contract), then CTO (equity)

Apr 2025 – Present

Nigerian consumer fintech: savings, transfers, bill payments, loans and tiered identity verification (KYC).

- Shipped tiered KYC with all 11 identity checks passing on a real phone: automated national-ID checks, a reviewer dashboard and three in-app upgrade flows.
- Ended an 8-month outage in which no backend service could be built or deployed; rebuilt 15 services and migrated the 18,437-user production database, snapshot first.
- Moved the React Native CLI app to the New Architecture and React 19, added SSL pinning and device attestation, and ran its store releases (Gradle/Xcode builds, ProGuard/R8, signing).

HALISO · Full-Stack Contractor, then CTO (equity) Jan 2026 – Present

Pre-launch mobile wallet: virtual cards, foreign-currency accounts, bill payments and flight booking.

- Shipped 4 flight-payment paths end to end (card or foreign-currency balance, same or different currency), each proven with a real test booking before release.
- Cut exchange-rate quotes from ~15s to under 1s, and kept them working while 7 of 8 upstream fetches failed, by saving the last good rates with a freshness limit.
- Moved card issuing to a new provider, growing card-service tests from 49 to 242, and built it so both providers can run side by side.

Freelance clients Aug 2025 – Present

Marketplace and government field-work projects.

- Built the app, website and API for Aparte, a Lagos short-let and car-rental marketplace: Paystack payments and refunds, host approvals and automatic deposit refunds after 72 hours.
- Built LASPARK Planter, via Mactavis for Lagos State Parks and Gardens Agency: an offline-first field app for tree planters with GPS-tagged photo proof and real-time task alerts.

Demirix · React Native Mobile Developer · Dubai, UAE, remote Dec 2024 – Apr 2025

- Worked as one of 8 engineers on a social sports app: built pixel-accurate screens from Figma, sign-up, protected navigation and English/Arabic support.

Emphyre (formerly BasaltX) · Lead Full-Stack Engineer · UK, remote Dec 2023 – Nov 2024

- Built two white-label trading apps (JP Markets, Vault Market) from one codebase, used across multiple international markets, with per-brand theming and in-app identity checks.
- Moved legacy native iOS and Android apps onto one React Native codebase, cutting maintenance overhead.

TechBeaver · Lead Mobile Developer · Nigeria, remote Aug 2022 – Nov 2023

- Shipped 4 apps to the App Store and Google Play across fintech, food delivery, telemedicine and advertising, 3 of them solo.
- Built real-time chat, voice and video with native iOS and Android integrations.

Imagine Integrated Systems · Front-End Developer · Ibadan, Nigeria, on-site Jan 2020 – Dec 2021

Built web and mobile apps in React, React Native and TypeScript.

SKILLS

Mobile: React Native (New Architecture, CLI, Expo), TypeScript, Reanimated, Skia, Lottie

Native: Swift, Kotlin, Expo Modules, ActivityKit, Core NFC, Android Live Updates

Backend: NestJS, GraphQL, Node.js, PostgreSQL, REST APIs

Releases: Fastlane, GitHub Actions, Gradle, Xcode, ProGuard/R8, App Store Connect, Google Play Console

Payments and security: Stripe, Stripe Connect, Paystack, card issuing, SSL pinning, device attestation

AI: image generation and proofreading models in production, AI job descriptions, Cursor

WRITING

- [The React Native Live Activities Handbook](#): iOS Live Activities and Android 16 Live Updates (freeCodeCamp, Jul 2026), with DropTrack, its MIT-licensed demo app
- [The iOS NFC Handbook](#): read, write and lock NFC tags with React Native (freeCodeCamp, Sep 2026), with TapCard, its MIT-licensed demo app (native Swift module via Expo Modules)
- [OWASP Mobile Top 10 for React Native Fintech Apps](#)

EDUCATION

B.Sc. Computer Science, University of Ilorin, Nigeria, 2017 – 2022