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Impact of the LF Mentorship Program

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What is Konza Technopolis?



- Konza Technopolis Development Authority (KoTDA) is the implementing agency under the Ministry of Information Communications and Technology (MoICT).
- Konza Technopolis is envisioned to be Kenya's first smart city with integrated smart urban infrastructure facilities that supports the delivery of connected urban services to enable Kenya's knowledge economy ambition.
- Building a smart city requires heavy infrastructure investment.
- The hope is to leverage on open source to deploy smart city infrastructure.
- Building the African Silicon Savanna City modelled after Silicon Valley







Data Center



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What is the problem we're trying to solve at KT?

- 1. Need for a paperless environment
- 2. Over reliance on proprietary software's which is cost prohibitive.

Smart City Innovations Piloted so far;

- Traffic Mgt
- Parking Mgt
- Asset Mgt
- Access control Mgt

To support this, Konza has developed Tier III DC that the Authority intends to use to drive adoption and consumption of open-source software solution.

Konza in the Open Source



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How we're using open source

- 1. Open Source Email Servers
- 2. Ticketing tools
- 3. Infrastructure monitoring

How can we be more active in the open source space

- Identify open source project that speaks to our goal. Offer to support with talents or funding or both.

What should be our focus

- Cloud Native
- Edge Computing



Joined the Program for the Summer 2021 cohort.

- Placed under the ONAP Web Based Architecture
- Navigation Solution project.
- The Problem (then):
- two sources of ONAP information
- 1. The developer Wiki
- 2. ReadTheDocs





Why was this a Problem?

- Documentation on the wiki not quickly moved to the ReadTheDocs where essentially it is supposed to reside and gets outdated pretty quick.
- Finding most current and relevant documentation becomes difficult



<u>https://wiki.onap.org/display/DW/Architecture+Navig</u> <u>ator+Knowledge+Transfer</u>

Why the mentorship was important to me.



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- Prepared me for leadership roles
- Exposure to multiple cultures and ideas
- Build a professional network
- Self-enriching experience
- Most importantly, it led to paying forward where I have been mentoring others and helping them grow.





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 <u>https://lfnetworking.org/pov-what-its-like-</u> <u>to-be-an-lfn-mentee/</u>

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