

Lead Engineer – Job Description

Company Background:

Sokowatch is revolutionizing last-mile distribution to the informal retailers across Africa by providing on-demand inventory delivery. These retailers are responsible for over 90% of consumer purchases and Sokowatch is the first company focused exclusively on bolstering these businesses by providing them with the business solutions they need to thrive.

Position:

We are seeking an experienced, motivated, A+ player to join our team as a lead software engineer.

As the technical lead of Sokowatch's developer team, the lead software engineer will report to the CEO while leading the technical development of Sokowatch's systems and ensuring consistent output of software across its team. The lead engineer will have primary day-to-day responsibility for planning, implementing, managing and controlling all technology-related activities of the company. This will include direct responsibility for Sokowatch's web and mobile systems, while also collaborating with Sokowatch's leadership team to ensure business priorities are reflected in feature development.

Location: Nairobi, Kenya

Our Current Stack:

Ruby on Rails, PostgreSQL, jQuery, CoffeeScript, Haml, and Sass all running on Amazon Web Services. Mobile applications built in React Native.

Requirements:

The successful candidate will possess extensive experience in the following:

- Server-side and/or object-oriented software design
- Architecting and building systems with web frameworks
- Agile Practices and Test-Driven Development
- SQL Database Management and Design
- Collaborative coding through team reviews & pairing
- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Desire to create meaningful impact with technology

Duties & Responsibilities:

- Translate feature requests into technical objectives in an agile software development cycle
- Lead and manage development cycle
- Build new features as part of the engineering team
- Oversee and review features built by other members of engineering team
- Work collaboratively with other members of engineering team to assist and improve software development abilities
- Act as an example to other developers on the team to advocate for continuous learning and technical improvement
- Consult with company leadership to prioritize development of technical features in line with business requirements

For additional information or to apply please send your CV and cover letter to daniel@sokowatch.com.