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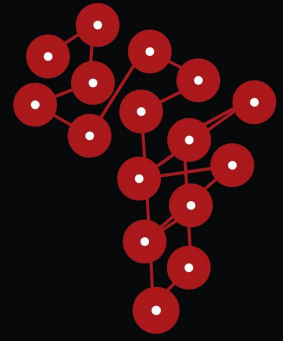
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Executive Summary



“It is possible to do great things from a small place.”

- Nobel Peace Prize winner Leymah Gbowee

The CyberData Foundation, founded by Dr. Awojobi Abiodun, is dedicated to introducing young adults and children to the transformative worlds of Cybersecurity and Data Science. Through initiatives like training programs, scholarships, and mentorship opportunities, the foundation aims to empower its target audiences: young adults aged 18–35 and children aged 10–17.

In May 2023, the CyberData Foundation launched its inaugural scholarship program at Lagos State University (LASU). The 2022/2023 session received 104 applications, culminating in the selection of three outstanding winners. Building on this success, the scholarship initiative has expanded to the University of Lagos, Nigeria, where the first edition garnered 180 applicants. The second stage of the LASU scholarship is currently underway.

For children aged 10–11, the foundation has prioritized foundational education in Data Science and Cybersecurity. A cornerstone of this effort is the VETLAND CLUB, established for primary and secondary school students. To date, three interactive sessions have been conducted, enhanced by a bespoke comic book series. Designed to simplify complex concepts, this series includes two editions on Data Science and one on Cybersecurity, fostering understanding and excitement among young learners.

The foundation has initiated discussions with training academies, such as AltSchool, to leverage their curriculum and provide young adults with hands-on training in Cybersecurity and Data Science. These collaborations aim to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application, equipping participants with industry-relevant skills.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Over the past year, the CyberData Foundation has embarked on a remarkable journey. The initiatives outlined have not only enriched the lives of beneficiaries but have also positioned the foundation as a key player in the fields of Cybersecurity and Data Science education. Strategic partnerships and innovative approaches continue to amplify the foundation's impact.

This report encapsulates the milestones achieved and the lessons learned over the past year. As the foundation charts its next steps, it seeks support to scale its initiatives further. This includes expanding its reach, enhancing its programs, and creating even more opportunities for young people to thrive in the digital age.

Together, we can empower the next generation to achieve greatness, one step at a time.

LETTER FROM THE FOUNDER



It is with immense excitement and gratitude that I write this letter to reflect on the milestones, achievements, and aspirations of the CyberData Foundation. Over the past year, our journey has been defined by passion, dedication, and an unwavering commitment to empowering the next generation of African leaders in cybersecurity and data science.

When we established the CyberData Foundation, our mission was clear: to introduce young adults and children to the transformative realms of cybersecurity and data science while equipping them with the skills, mentorship, and opportunities they need to succeed. From the outset, we have held steadfast to the belief that "It is possible to do great things from a small place." Our impact to date has reinforced this belief, demonstrating that with determination and collaboration, we can achieve extraordinary outcomes.

In May 2023, we launched the first CyberData Foundation Scholarship at Lagos State University. I am proud to share that 284 students applied, and three outstanding individuals were selected to participate in the program. This scholarship has already proven to be a life-changing opportunity. Building on this success, we extended the initiative to the University of Lagos, where 180 students applied for the inaugural edition. Beyond alleviating financial burdens, this program connects students with industry experts and networks, providing them with invaluable opportunities to grow and excel.

Simultaneously, we have focused on fostering curiosity and creativity among younger students. Through our Vetland Club, we have introduced children aged 10–17 to the fascinating worlds of data science and cybersecurity. Our multiple sessions have included the launch of a unique comic book series, carefully designed to simplify complex topics and make them engaging for young minds. By planting seeds of curiosity early, we aim to nurture a generation that possesses a deep understanding of the digital world.

LETTER FROM THE FOUNDER

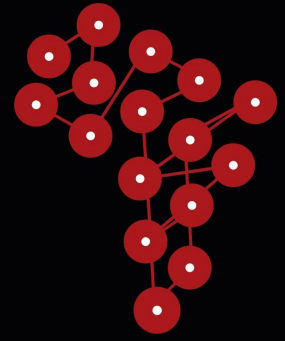
Our efforts have reached far and wide. Over the past year, we have engaged with 644 individuals, hosted eight online events, and published three comic book series for the Vetland Club. Additionally, we are forging strategic partnerships with organizations such as AltSchool to provide hands-on training and real-world experience for young adults pursuing careers in cybersecurity and data science. None of this progress would have been possible without the unwavering support of our mentors, partners, and volunteers.

Each of you has played a critical role in our journey, and I am deeply grateful for your contributions. However, we recognize that there is still much to accomplish. We are just beginning, and your continued support is vital as we work to scale our impact, reach more students, and create even greater opportunities for the next generation of tech leaders.

Thank you for believing in the CyberData Foundation and the extraordinary potential of young African talent. I am excited about the incredible impact we will achieve together in the years to come.

Warm regards,
Dr. Awojobi Abiodun
Founder, CyberData Foundation

Goals Of The CyberData Foundation



The CyberData Foundation is dedicated to achieving the following objectives:

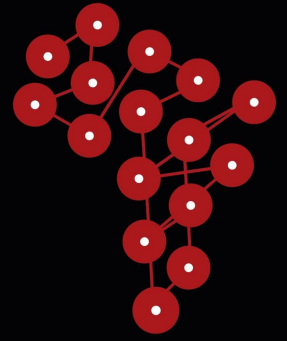
1 Empowering young Africans in Cybersecurity and Data Science:
Starting in Nigeria, we aim to equip young individuals with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in these critical fields.

2 Providing financial support and access to top training academies:
We sponsor students across Africa by covering their tuition fees and connecting them with renowned training academies to enhance their skills in Cybersecurity and Data Science. This initiative has already been implemented at the University of Lagos and Lagos State University.

3 Facilitating internships with leading tech companies:
We connect students to internship opportunities in top tech industries annually, providing them with practical, real-world experience.

4 Organizing interactive sessions and career guidance:
Through in-depth, interactive sessions, we help students explore career paths and make informed decisions about their futures.

Landmark Achievements



1

CyberData Foundation Scholarship: Successfully launched at two Nigerian universities - Lagos State University and the University of Lagos, with a combined total of 284 applicants.

2

Building a thriving community: Established a network of 345 students and tech enthusiasts where opportunities are shared, and webinars are hosted to foster learning and collaboration.

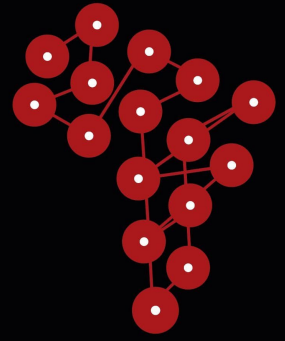
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Hosting impactful events and challenges Organized eight events and three programming challenges to help students develop their technical skills and deepen their understanding of programming languages.

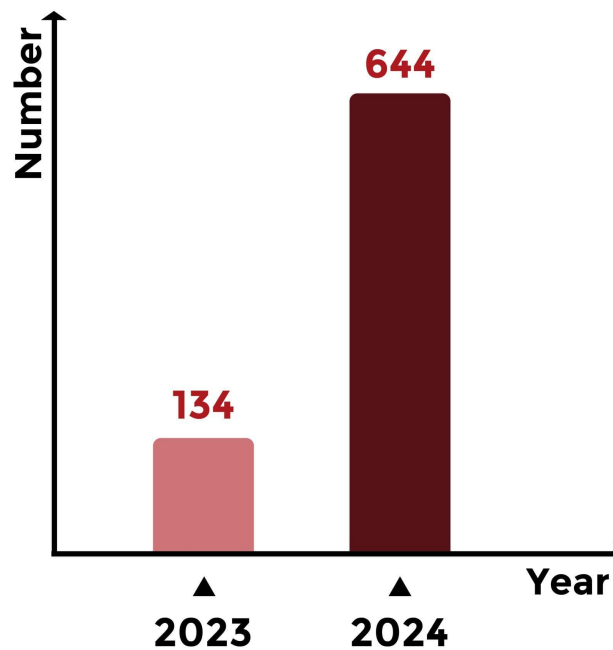
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Partnership with AltSchool: Struck a partnership with AltSchool, a top training academy, to provide students with hands-on training and industry relevant skills in cybersecurity and data science.

CyberData Foundation In Review



People Reached



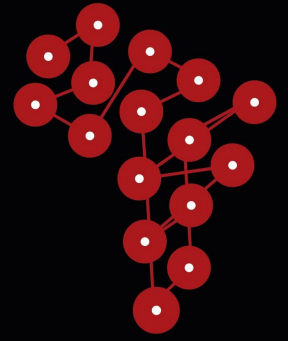
Online Events Held



Comic Books Launched



Testimonials



Here is what the winners of the 2023/2024 CyberData Foundation Scholarship had To say



The CyberData Foundation has played a transformative role in my academic and professional journey. As a student passionate about data science, I faced challenges accessing the resources needed to develop my skills in data mining and analysis. The foundation stepped in at a critical moment, providing me with a comprehensive textbook on data analysis at no cost. This resource became an essential tool in my learning process, enabling me to understand complex concepts and apply them effectively in real-world scenarios.

Beyond this, the foundation generously sponsored my education, easing the financial burdens that could have hindered my academic progress. Their support allowed me to focus entirely on my studies, refine my skills, and pursue my passion with confidence.

Thanks to the Cyber Data Foundation, I have not only gained technical expertise but also developed a deeper appreciation for the power of community and mentorship. Their commitment to empowering students has inspired me to strive for excellence and, one day, pay it forward to others. I am truly grateful for the opportunities they've provided and the confidence they've instilled in me as I advance toward my goals.

- Temioluwa Koya

TESTIMONIALS



Receiving the CyberData foundation (Data science) scholarship has been incredibly impactful. The financial support allowed me to focus on my studies without worrying about expenses, and I could access essential resources like textbooks and software to deepen my understanding of data science.

This opportunity has boosted my confidence and equipped me with the skills to excel in my field. Even though it was a one-time scholarship, I'm truly grateful for the support, which has helped me take meaningful steps toward achieving my career goals

- Fikunayomi

Here is what our community members had to say about the CyberData Foundation Community

I must say the CyberData community has been of great impact in helping me yearn to be better in Cybersecurity. Sharing the same goals, motive and drive with other talented individuals who I now see as a team remains crucial to my growth. I have also been able to unlock quite some valuable skills such as community management and graphic designing by contributing to the community. Through the frequent workshops and webinars organized by administrators, I can say I am on a clearer path of success in this career than ever before.

- Odunsi Gabriel, Community Member

TESTIMONIALS

Joining the Cyberdata foundation has been a life changing opportunity for me. With the help of their advanced mentorship programs and educational resources all for free, I have been able to navigate the field of Cybersecurity with more ease. I no longer surf aimlessly through the Internet in order to find my way around Cybersecurity. The mentors have guided me from beginners to advanced level in Cybersecurity. Honestly, I couldn't be more grateful for the impact that Cyberdata foundation has had on me.

- Austine Timothy Friday, CyberData Foundation volunteer.

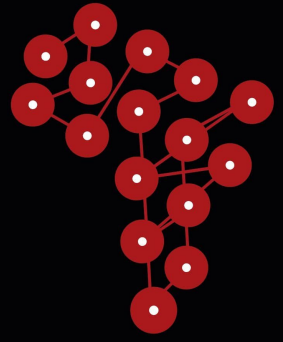


Here is what the principal of Vetland had to say

The Vetland Junior Grammar School cyber security club has been exciting and impactful. I am impressed by the club's effectiveness in educating members on cyber security best practices. This has made students to gain confidence and skills necessary to protect them against cyber threats.

- Mrs Latunde Dada, Principal at Vetland School, Agege

What Is Next In 2025



As we look to the future, the CyberData Foundation is committed to scaling its impact and introducing new initiatives that further our mission. Our plans for 2025 include:

1

Expanding Scholarship Programs:

Extending our scholarship programs to more universities and increasing the number of beneficiaries.

2

Introducing a Debate Competition:

Launching an annual debate competition aimed at fostering critical thinking, public speaking skills, and knowledge sharing among students.

3

Industry Collaboration:

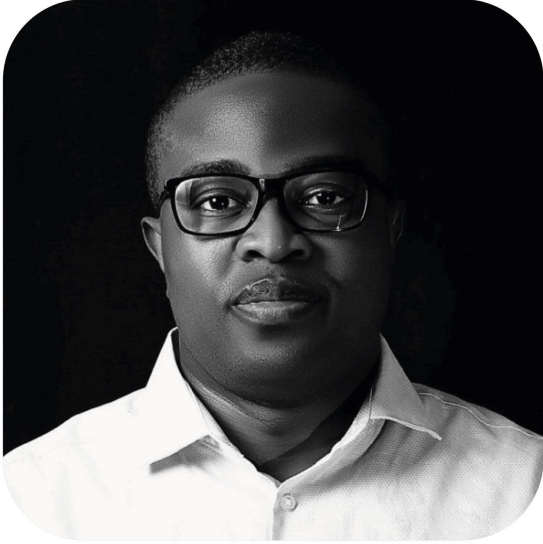
Strengthening ties with top tech companies to secure more internship opportunities and mentorships for our students.

4

Community Engagement:

Hosting larger events and webinars to reach a wider audience and create more

Recognition Of Members



DR. ABIODUN AWOJOBI
Founder, Cyberdata Foundation



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Advisory

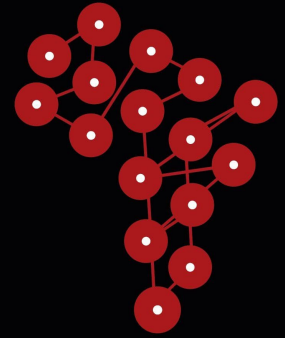


JILHAM BISWAS
Member Of Board



OMOTESHO IBUKUN
Program Manager

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JOIN US ON THIS IMPACTFUL JOURNEY

As the African proverb goes, "If you want to go fast, go alone, but if you want to go far, go together." At the CyberData Foundation, we believe that collaborative efforts lead to remarkable achievements. Our mission to empower young Africans in cybersecurity and data science is a transformative journey, and we invite you to be a part of it.

TOGETHER LET'S CREATE A BETTER FUTURE

Your contribution will help us:

Provide scholarships and training opportunities for deserving students. Develop and implement impactful programs in cybersecurity and data science. Foster a community of innovators and leaders in these fields.

EVERY CONTRIBUTION COUNTS – SPONSOR A STUDENT

Support a young African to attend a 12-month training academy in cybersecurity and data science. The total cost for this life-changing opportunity is 290,000 naira / \$290 per recipient. To make it more accessible, you can donate through one of our flexible payment plans:

Monthly Plan

₦30,000
or
\$30

Quarterly Plan

₦80,000
or
\$80

BUY A COMIC, SUPPORT A STUDENT

You can also contribute by purchasing our educational comic books. Proceeds from these sales directly support our students, helping them gain access to training and mentorship in cybersecurity and data science.



BECOME A MENTOR

Share your expertise and experience with our community members. As a mentor, you'll:

- Guide students in their learning journey.
- Provide industry insights and advice.
- Help shape the next generation of cybersecurity and data science professionals.


TAKE A WEBINAR CLASS FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Join our community members in an interactive webinar session. By participating, you'll:

- Learn about the latest industry trends and topics.
- Network with peers and experts.
- Enhance your skills and knowledge in cybersecurity and data science.

By sponsoring a child, buying a comic, or becoming a mentor, you'll contribute to a brighter future for Africa's youth. Every contribution counts, and we deeply appreciate your support. For more information or to get involved, please contact us at:

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"If you can't do great things, do small things in a great way"

The CyberData Foundation's impact has actually brought that wise saying to life. We look forward to a more impactful journey ahead.