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Chartered accountant combining Big Four assurance experience with hands-on accounting software development at Draftworx. I translate reporting requirements into practical tools, work across accounting and technology teams, and build AI-assisted workflows with traceable outputs and human review. I am keen to bring that combination to Luca Ledger, apply my strong IFRS foundation and quickly develop expertise in US accounting workflows.

CAREER TIMELINE

Draftworx | Template Developer & AI Strategy Lead

July 2024 - Present

- Develop and maintain audit working papers for the Auditor-General South Africa environment, translating PFMA/MFMA methodology into spreadsheet logic, validations, named ranges and documentation.
- Build and refine international financial-statement templates across FRS 102, Section 1A and FRS 105, including company and LLP reporting; contribute to Canadian ASPE template development.
- Work across developers, testers and accounting specialists to investigate issues, implement feedback, test outputs and support controlled releases.
- Build AI and automation tools for accounting-data access, support knowledge retrieval, financial-statement translation and template review. Initiated the internal Words of Wisdom documentation project and authored an AI strategy proposal.

PwC South Africa | Senior Associate 2, Assurance

January - February 2024 | IFRS 17 implementation audit

- Extended my time at PwC to contribute to Liberty's IFRS 17 implementation audit. Co-led the work with another senior associate and collaborated with actuarial teams and IFRS 17 specialists to connect valuation outputs, accounting requirements and audit evidence.

PwC South Africa | Associate to Senior Associate, Assurance

January 2021 - December 2023 | Three-year training contract

- Financial-services assurance across insurance and other listed groups, with exposure to healthcare, software and services. Audited IFRS financial statements, consolidations, controls, substantive procedures and corporate tax calculations.
- During the 2023 Afrocentric engagement, led planning and coordinated client process owners, component auditors and specialist teams. Directed goodwill impairment testing across 15 cash-generating units, assessing forecast cash flows with valuation specialists.
- Automated data consolidation and group-scoping work. Built Power BI audit dashboards and a staff-availability/resource-planning dashboard for HR partners across the Africa practice.

March - June 2024 | Career break and professional development: crypto accounting studies through the Crypto Accounting Academy, alongside Python, API and data-automation learning.

QUALIFICATIONS & ACCOUNTING FOUNDATION

CA(SA) - Qualified 2024 | South African Institute of Chartered Accountants
University of Pretoria - Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting Sciences, 2020
University of Pretoria - BCom in Accounting Sciences, 2017-2019

Foundation: IFRS reporting, financial-statement preparation and review, consolidations, general-ledger analysis, reconciliations, audit evidence, internal controls, cash-flow analysis and corporate tax audit work.

Applied AI & automation

Practical builds, controlled experiments and a habit of making knowledge reusable.

My approach goes beyond prompting: prepare the right context, expose a defined tool, inspect the evidence, test the result and preserve what the team learns. The projects below include applied internal tooling and prototypes; they are not all production product features.

SELECTED DRAFTWORX WORK

Accounting-platform MCP integration

Built a tool layer exposing selected Draftworx Cloud functions, including client, trial-balance and practice summaries, to AI assistants. Designed structured tool interfaces and environment-based access controls so assistants can work with relevant accounting context through defined functions.

Support knowledge retrieval

Built a prototype that extracts Slack support history through the API, structures conversations for search and applies OCR to screenshot-based errors. Results link back to prior discussions and solutions, making specialist experience easier to find and reuse.

Financial-statement translation automation

Developed AI-assisted translation tooling, including English-to-Afrikaans financial-statement workflows. Preserved formula structure and named ranges, with backups, resumability and logs to support review and recovery.

AI-assisted financial-statement review

Developed a checklist-driven approach to reviewing PDF financial-statement outputs for wording, entity context, singular/plural consistency, placeholders and layout. Distinguish checks on master templates from completed client accounts, keeping professional sign-off with a human reviewer.

ADVANCED WORKING METHODS & CURRENT EXPERIMENTS

Use Claude Code, Codex, Cursor, ChatGPT and Gemini across research, implementation, debugging, testing and documentation. Structure tasks around explicit inputs and acceptance checks, inspect changes, and capture useful lessons as reusable instructions or tools.

Recent experiments include programmatic coordination of coding-agent sessions, bounded work assignments, durable task state and recoverable handovers. A local coordination helper has passed live launch and dispatch checks; broader end-to-end acceptance remains in progress. I am also designing a staged template-edit workflow with file preparation, implementation, review and human deployment checkpoints.

SELECTED SIDE PROJECTS

- **Crypto accounting pipeline:** capture and classify blockchain transactions, enrich with pricing and produce traceable CSV ledgers for accounting review.
- **Bill-splitting web app:** shared bills, partial payments and settlement reconciliation - billsplit.aishoulddothat.com.
- **Expense analysis & learning automation:** expense categorisation/reporting workflows and n8n transcript summarisation and knowledge capture.

WORKING TOOLKIT & ONGOING DEVELOPMENT

Accounting and data: Excel, VBA, Python, SQL, Pandas, Power BI, APIs, JSON/CSV.
Development: Git/GitHub, n8n, Jira, technical documentation.
Applied AI: MCP, context design, OCR/retrieval, checklist-based evaluation and agent workflow experiments.

Professional development documented in my 2024 and 2025 SAICA CPD records, project documentation and practical builds.