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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Technology driven Project Manager, Software Engineer and Business Analyst with experience leading digital transformation, cybersecurity, and ERP implementations across public and private sector institutions in West Africa. Proven track record of delivering enterprise solutions, reducing project risks, optimizing processes, and improving system reliability. Combines technical expertise with governance and policy exposure, including service as a Senior Legislative Aide, enabling a unique ability to bridge technology, public sector innovation, and institutional impact. Passionate about leveraging emerging technologies to drive data informed decision-making, strengthen systems, and support sustainable development.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Legislative Aide | Office of the Speaker, House of Representatives, National Assembly, Abuja

January 2026 – Present

Gems Consulting Company Limited, Lagos

March 2024 – Present

Project Manager

- Manage 10+ concurrent projects and programmes involving Microsoft Dynamics 365 Finance & Operations, Business Central, Power Platform, integrations, Power BI, and related business applications.
- Delivered and closed 7 projects, from 2024 to date while maintaining 5 concurrent engagements across different clients, entities, scopes and delivery teams.
- Coordinate 10–15 consultants and developers across business analysis, functional consulting, infrastructure, and development teams, while managing senior client and stakeholder relationships.
- Delivered enterprise solutions across multiple entities and complex workstreams, including ERP implementation, integrations, Budget, Employee Self-Service, Travel Request, and Stock Request applications.
- Strengthened project planning, risk management, change management, and delivery processes, helping projects remain aligned with scope, timelines, budgets, and expected business outcomes.
- Supported projects and programmes with combined business value exceeding ₦1 billion, with emphasis on adoption, process improvement, and measurable client value.
- Worked with the Modern Workplace team to support cybersecurity implementations across internal and client environments and partnered with business teams to present digital solutions to prospective clients.

Synapse Innovative Solutions Ltd

January 2024 – Present

Co-founder

El - Zumjit Commercials Limited, Kano

November 2023 – February 2024

Operations & Project Manager

- Managed small scale mining operations from excavation through mineral processing, coordinating artisanal workers, logistics, budgeting, safety and mineral handling.
- Worked closely with rural communities and site workers, identifying basic community needs and supporting their inclusion in the company's corporate responsibility efforts.

- Built community trust and improved collaboration by embedding with local workers, fostering mutual respect and productivity on site.
- Reported directly to directors on site performance, resource allocation, and secure mineral handling processes.
- Represented the company alongside the Managing Director at the Future Minerals Forum (FMF) in Saudi Arabia, as a delegate.

Galaxy Backbone Limited, Abuja

November 2022 – October 2023

IT Specialist

- Resolved 20+ weekly internal IT support tickets using ServiceNow and Active Directory tools, reducing resolution time by 30% and improving availability to 98%.
- Collaborated with the SOC team to enhance endpoint security, optimize firewall rules, and strengthen network monitoring, improving overall infrastructure reliability.

Enviro Exceltech, Kuala Lumpur

August 2021 – February 2022

Software Engineer

- Led development of application
- Gathered business and user requirements, designed system architecture, and developed backend services using Firebase and REST APIs under Agile SDLC practices.
- Managed source control with GitHub and performed functional and integration testing to ensure stable, scalable, and production ready deployment.

KLCC Property Holdings, Kuala Lumpur

February 2020 – July 2020

Business Analyst Apprentice

- Supported the design and deployment of a cloud enabled water quality monitoring system integrating IoT sensors, enabling near real time updates.
- Produced SRS documentation, UML diagrams, and process maps using Visual Paradigm, reducing requirement gaps and rework by 35%.
- Coordinated cross-functional teams, reducing manual monitoring effort by 50%.

VOLUNTEERING & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- Local Organizer GeCCo Competition, Young Crew IPMA
- Chair/Principal Lead, Young Crew IPMA Nigeria
- Deputy Minority Leader, Legislative Mentorship Initiative (LMI) – Cohort 4
- Secretary General, YALI Network Kano (Jan 2025 – Jan 2026)
- Kano State Coordinator, Africa Bridge Initiative
- Deputy President, Servicom Vanguard NYSC Camp Awgu (2022)
- Delegate & Protocol Committee Member, YALI National Summit 2025
- Delegate & General Duties Committee Member, YALI National Summit 2024
- Technical Committee Member, ICT Subcommittee, 1st International Conference on Hydrogen Nigeria
- Undergraduate Liaison Officer, Naijacomm International Student Association UPM, Malaysia

EDUCATION

Master in Project Management

October 2024 – October 2025

Rome Business School

Professional Diploma in Cybersecurity

March 2024 – February 2025

Baze University Abuja

Bachelor of Software Engineering

September 2017 – March 2022

University Putra Malaysia

CORE COMPETENCIES & SKILLS

- **Project, Process & Quality Management:** Project Planning, Execution & Delivery; Risk Identification, Assessment & Mitigation; Process Improvement & Change Management; Agile & Waterfall Methodologies; Scrum; Stakeholder Engagement & Cross Functional Coordination.
- **Cybersecurity & Digital Policy:** Cybersecurity Risk Assessments, Vulnerability Assessment, GRC, IT Infrastructure & Data Protection, Policy Analysis, Compliance Monitoring, Digital Policy & Privacy Advocacy, Responsible AI Governance
- **Software Development & IT:** Software Development Lifecycle (SDLC), Agile and Waterfall Methodologies, Databases Management Systems, Microsoft Dynamics 365 and Microsoft Applications Deployment, Software Testing & QA, System Modeling using Visual Paradigm & UML, GitHub, API & System Integration Understanding, Strong understanding of Programming concepts.
- **Governance & Leadership:** Public Policy Research & Legislative Processes, Youth Engagement & Leadership Development, Community Empowerment & Advocacy, Sustainable Development & Governance Reform, Digital Transformation Strategy for Public and Private Sectors, International Collaboration, Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships.
- **Professional & Interpersonal Skills:** Communication, Analytical & Critical Thinking, Problem Solving & Evidence Based, Team Leadership & Collaboration, Time & Priority Management, Research, Monitoring, & Evaluation, Strategic Thinking.

CERTIFICATIONS & TRAINING

- Security Analyst Bootcamp March 2023 - Virtually Testing Foundation
- Cybersecurity Awareness Course (CSAM2023) - Cybersafe Foundation
- Cyber Threat Intelligence 101 – ArcX
- Elements of AI – MinnaLearn /University of Helsinki
- Data Values Bootcamp – Youth for Privacy and Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data
- AiCE - AI Career Essentials – ALX
- Internet Governance – Internet Society
- Founder Academy – ALX Ventures
- Politeracy and Governance 101 Course – Electoral College Nigeria
- McKinsey.org Forward Program
- LEAD1x: Exercising Leadership: Foundational Principles – HarvardX
- Certificate III in Digital Business Transformation – June 2022
- West Africa School on Internet Governance – July 2021
- Proficiency Certificate in Management – NIM & Graduate Nigerian Institute of Management (Chartered)
- Scrum Fundamentals Certified (SFC)
- Project Management Foundations
- Certificate of National Service (NYSC) – November 2023

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Fellow of the Legislative Mentorship Initiative (FLMI)
- Fellow of the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) Regional Leadership Center West Africa
- Fellow West Africa School on Internet Governance
- Certified Member, Project Management Institute (PMI)
- Member Project Managers Development Association of Nigeria (PMDAN – IPMA)
- Member Nigerian Economic Summit Group (Policy Commission and Community of Practice), multiple thematic groups
- Member, Internet Society
- Member of ForbesBLK Community
- Member of Common Futures Conversations (CFC) community at Chatham House
- Member, Nigerian Institute of Management Chartered (NIM)

- Member, Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI), Kano/Lagos Network, Nigeria
- Member, Council of African Youth in Mining (CAYM)

AWARDS

- **Letter of Appreciation** – Enviro Exceltech for outstanding performance and contribution.