

# Llew Adamson

FinTechnologist, CTO, Lecturer, Speaker



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## SUMMARY

Llew is a FinTech CTO with +20 years technology experience. Llew also lectures, consults and speaks independently around the globe. Areas of interest: Software Engineering, Artificial Intelligence, FinTech, Enterprise Architecture & Project Portfolio Management.

## EXPERIENCE

### Chief Technology Officer

#### MyGate

Dec 2009 - ongoing

[www.mygateglobal.com](http://www.mygateglobal.com)

Africa's largest and fastest growing online payment gateway.

- Owner of all technology initiatives for a global payments platform

### Part-time Lecturer

#### getSmarter/UCT/MIT/CPUT/GSB

2010 - ongoing

Lectures on Project Portfolio Management, Enterprise Architecture, Software Engineering and FinTech topics.

### Regional Executive Director

#### Nebula

Nov 2005 - Dec 2009

Cape Town/Gauteng, South Africa

[www.onenebula.co.za](http://www.onenebula.co.za)

Niche telecoms professional services and outsourcing firm

- Executive manager of management consulting team as well as the outsourcing division. Core focus on Telecommunications Strategy and Optimisation programs (Voice, Data and Mobile)
- 3 years of 40% growth in turnover (year on year)
- Extensive CxO consulting experience gained
- IT Systems & Infrastructure manager

### Business Unit Manager

#### Software Futures

Feb 2004 - Oct 2005

Sub-Saharan Africa

Largest bespoke software engineering company in Africa

- Led the startup of a National SBU with new service offerings (Enterprise Architecture), contributing 5.8% of total company revenue, surpassing annual target by 16% within 6 months, and achieving profitability (58% GP, 28% PBIT) within the first year.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

 Sold first app, age 9 (1982)

 +20 Years experience (financial services technology)

 Managed \$520m (R5,2b) ICT/Tech spend

 Grew niche consulting firm to national brand

 Dean's Merit List

## SKILLS

### Technology Management



### R&D



### Financial Services Tech & Systems



### Software Engineering



### Project, Program, Portfolio Management



### Enterprise Architecture



### Strategy



## EXPERIENCE

### Principal Consultant and Engagement Manager

#### Dimension Data

📅 Apr 2001 - Jan 2004    📍 Africa  
🌐 [www.dimensiondata.com](http://www.dimensiondata.com)

Largest ICT company in Africa

- Achieved 24 out of 25 points KPI ratings for 9 consecutive quarters
- Promoted twice during three year tenure; held interim position on the regional division operations management team

### Founder & CTO

#### INFINITI Software Solutions

📅 Dec 1995 - Mar 2001    📍 Cape Town, South Africa

- Developed nationally used card accounting system & Y2K conversion of 7 key systems (Shell)
- Developed web based asset management reporting system (Investec)
- System auditor and specialist on the world's largest COM implementation (Alexander Forbes)
- Lead the development of nationally used ERP system (Old Mutual)
- Developed nationally used broker point of sales system (Finplan), which reduced sales cycle from 12 to 3 days (Sanlam & Liberty Life)
- Developed nationally used customer service, billing system and cellular messaging platform (Vodacom)

### Lead Software Engineer

#### Fishmere International

📅 Dec 1993 - Nov 1995    📍 New York, London, Gibraltar

Leading international commodities brokerage

- Architected, managed and developed customer investment portfolio management system, used by a team of 400 people, resulting in an 80% reduction in costs.

## EDUCATION

### MSc & PhD (Computer Science)

#### Open University, UK

📅 2015 - ongoing

### PMP

#### PMI Institute, US

📅 2008

### MDP

#### Manchester Business School, UK

📅 2003

## STARTUP EXPERIENCE

### Angel Investor / Advisor

**Calleo, diarize.me, gyft, RouteLogix, moola4u, nodePay, BlueFin**

📅 2009 - ongoing

## PASSIONS

🧠 **Artificial Intelligence**  
Neural networks

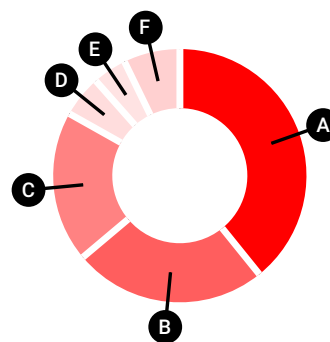
♟️ **Baduk & Chess**

🌌 **Star Trek**

♂️ **Transhumanism**

☀️ **Green Energy**

## MY TIME



- Ⓐ Working
- Ⓑ Dad / Husband stuff
- Ⓒ Studying / Lecturing
- Ⓓ Searching/eating/making great food
- Ⓔ Baduk & Chess
- Ⓕ Reading