

Llew Adamson

FinTech Guru, Lecturer, Speaker & Trusted Advisor



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SUMMARY

Llew is a FinTech guru with 25 years experience within Corporates and Startups. Llew also lectures, consults and speaks independently around the globe.

EXPERIENCE

Principal (Director) Open Banking (Africa)

Barclays Africa (ABSA)

08/2017 - South Africa
www.absa.co.za / www.barclaysafrica.com

\$10b USD market cap African bank

- To provide strategic leadership and support to the Barclays Open Marketplace/Platform(API Banking) team ensuring that the Business is operationally capable of delivering the required Absa Group objectives.

Part-time Lecturer & Tutor

MIT & Oxford SAiD - FinTech Programmes

01/2010 - Ongoing

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

Chief Technology Officer

MyGate

01/2010 - 07/2017
www.mygateglobal.com

Africa's largest and fastest growing online payment gateway.

- Owner of all technology initiatives for a global payments platform
- Developed ISO-8583 payment switch from scratch
- MyGate was acquired by WireCard AG in July 2017

Regional Executive Director

Nebula

11/2005 - 12/2009 Cape Town/Gauteng, South Africa
www.onenebula.co.za

Niche telecoms professional services and outsourcing firm

- 3 years of 40% growth in turnover (year on year)
- Extensive CxO consulting experience gained
- IT Systems & Infrastructure manager

ACHIEVEMENTS

 Sold first app, age 9 (1982)

 25 Years experience (financial services technology)

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

 Grew niche consulting firm to national brand

 Dean's Merit List

SKILLS

FinTech



R&D



Software Engineering



Project, Program, Portfolio Management



Enterprise Architecture



Strategy



EXPERIENCE

Business Unit Manager

Software Futures

📅 02/2004 - 10/2005 📍 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.

Principal Consultant and Engagement Manager

Dimension Data

📅 04/2001 - 01/2004 📍 Africa

🌐 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

📅 12/1995 - 03/2001 📍 Cape Town, South Africa

- Custom development for Large Corporates (Shell, Investec, Old Mutual, Sanlam, Liberty Life, Vodacom, Alexander Forbes)
- INFINITI was acquired by Dimension Data in March 2001

Lead Software Engineer

Fishmere International

📅 01/1993 - 11/1995 📍 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 / Artificial Intelligence & Software Engineering)

Open University, UK

📅 01/2015 - Ongoing

STARTUP EXPERIENCE

Angel Investor / Advisor

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

📅 01/2009 - Ongoing

PASSIONS

🧠 **Artificial Intelligence**
Neural networks

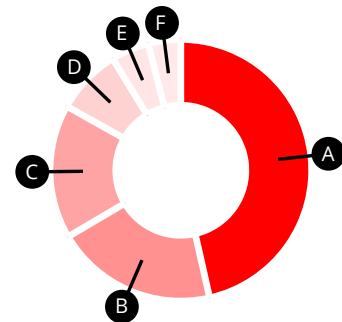
♟️ **Baduk (Go) & Chess**

🌌 **Star Trek**

🦹 **Transhumanism**

☀️ **Green Energy**

HOW I SPEND MY TIME



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