## RIDWAN OLUWADAMILARE AKINFENWA

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#### PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

A Highly skilled **Software Engineer, AI Engineer/Architect and Blockchain Engineer/Security Researcher** with extensive expertise and hands-on experience of 7 years in all levels of Software/website development, blockchain development, smart contract auditing, AI-agent development, and software engineering. Known for designing and coding efficient, high quality applications and contributing to innovative tech solutions. Proven leadership in start-up environments and collaborative projects.

**Software/Tech skills:** Microsoft Office Suite, Google Suite, C++, SQL, Python, GIS (Arc & QGIS), Solidity (Hardhat, Foundry), Javascript (React.js), Typescript, PHP/Laravel, Flutter, Node.js, Web3.js, Data Analysis (R, SPSS, Orange), Jira & Trello, HTML/CSS, REST API, Firebase, AWS, Wordpress (CMS), GIT, Django, Azure, Flask.

#### **EDUCATION**

## Nexford International University, Washington DC, United States

MBA in Artificial Intelligence

## Federal University of Technology Akure (FUTA), Ondo State, Nigeria

B.Tech in Forestry and Wood Technology (Second Class Honours (Upper))

## PUBLICATIONS, RESEARCH, AND PRESENTATIONS

- MBA Personal Research Project, "Integrating Artificial Intelligence in Sustainable Business Management: Strategic Implications for Business Operations and Sustainability Goals", Ongoing Research.
- El-Kurebe, A. (2023): Futa Don, Students Develop Mobile App. for Tree Volume Estimation Prof. S.O. Akindele, **R.O. Akinfenwa**, and A. N. Akintoye. *Link to publication*
- UIRESDEV Hackathon Presentation, "Technology and Tools Enabling Impactful Solutions" by R. O. Akinfenwa. GenZ UIRESDEV, October 7th, 2023.
- S.O. Akindele, G.O. Jegede, **R.O. Akinfenwa** & A.N. Akintoye. Development Of a Mobile Application For Tree Volume Estimation. 427-438: 43RD Annual Conference of Forestry Association of Nigeria (Akure, Ondo State, Nigeria) Securing the Nigeria's Forest States for Sustainable Development. (14th 18th March, 2022).

#### PROJECTS & WORK EXPERIENCE

• Lead Full Stack Engineer & AI Integrationn Engineer: Miela Digittal - Chile

June. 2025 - Till Date

## A cross-platform streamer intelligence and campaign automation platform

- o Developed using Python, OpenAI API, Supabase, PostgreSQL, Streamlit, REST APIs, JavaScript, React, and Twitch API.
- o Integrated OpenAI's GPT API to create a fallback enrichment engine that inferred missing streamer metadata such as bio, tags, and region, improving data completeness by 85%+.
- Developed a modular enrichment pipeline using Python to collect and auto-sync over 10,000+ streamer records with Twitch API and scraping logic.
- o Engineered a region indicator system for auto-classifying streamers by country using a combination of explicit metadata and GPT-inferred logic.
- Created a real-time analytics dashboard with Streamlit, featuring custom-styled tables, sync controls, region breakdown, and status tracking.
- Laid the technical foundation for future AI-driven features such as sentiment analysis, smart campaign routing, and real-time streamer scoring.
- o Reduced data inconsistency across sources from over 90% to <5%, increasing platform readiness for live campaign usage.

#### • AI Engineer: Therapi AI - Germany

Feb. 2025 - May. 2025

## An AI-driven agent for mental health solutions and therapy recommendations

- Developed and optimized AI-driven mental health solutions, enhancing chatbot accuracy by 40% through NLP and deep learning models.
- o Engineered secure and scalable AI architectures, ensuring compliance with HIPAA and GDPR for patient data protection.
- Integrated LLMs (Large Language Models) and sentiment analysis algorithms, improving user engagement and response relevance.
- Collaborated with clinical psychologists and psychiatrists to refine AI-driven therapy recommendations, increasing user retention by 30%.
- Implemented real-time AI monitoring and model retraining pipelines, reducing bias and improving conversational empathy.
- o Leveraged Python, TensorFlow, PyTorch, and OpenAI, Qween, Grok APIs to build and deploy scalable AI solutions for mental health and therapy applications.

#### Senior Software Engineer: Tech Dynasty Services/ProsperaHealth - Towson, Maryland, USA Oct. 2023 - Jan. 2025

## A comprehensive healthcare solution with Electronic Medical Record Systems (EMR)

- Designed & built the company's official websites, optimizing UI/UX and boosting site engagement by 40%.
- Engineered a comprehensive EMR (Electronic Medical Record) solution to support healthcare documentation, aligning with industry standards for security & accessibility leading the company's value to \$500K in one year.
- Enhanced existing codebases & implemented efficiency improvements, reducing website load time by 35% & improving system reliability
- Worked closely with cross-functional teams, ensuring software solutions met business and regulatory requirements, leading to a 20% increase in operational efficiency.
- Designed and deployed high-performance backend systems, improving system scalability and handling for LMS (Learning Management System) without downtime.

## **Project Manager / Lead Smart Contract Auditor (Security Researcher)** Smarthub Innovations, Ibadan, Oyo State, Nigeria

July. 2018 - Nov. 2023

- Led security audits for 50+ smart contracts, identifying and mitigating vulnerabilities that could have resulted in potential losses exceeding \$1M.
- Developed and implemented an automated smart contract auditing framework, reducing manual review time by 40% and increasing efficiency.
- Aligned smart contract security assessments with industry standards (e.g., OWASP, SWC Registry), improving protocol reliability and compliance.
- Managed a team of 10+ security researchers, blockchain engineers, and developers, ensuring timely delivery of security audits and risk assessments.
- Identified emerging threats in DeFi, NFTs, and Layer 2 solutions, publishing technical reports that improved security awareness in the Web3 community.

### Technical CoFounder/Software Engineer: Strapy Finance - Lagos, Nigeria

Sept. 2022 - Dec. 2023

#### A fintech company rendering a cross-border payment services via mobile application

- Led negotiations and established partnerships with 10+ financial institutions and fintech startups, enhancing product offerings and expanding market reach by 35%.
- Designed & launched a secure digital payment infrastructure that processed over 10m naira in transactions within the first
- Spearheaded business development initiatives that increased company revenue by 50% within the first 12 months of operations.
- Developed a targeted marketing strategy that increased customer acquisition by 60% and boosted active users.

#### Lead Website Engineer: Doktorzz - Lagos, Nigeria

Jan. 2022 - Dec. 2023

- Designed and built visually engaging WordPress websites, increasing user engagement by 45% through optimized UI/UX.
- Worked closely with project stakeholders, gathering requirements and delivering tailored web solutions, leading to a 30% improvement in client satisfaction.
- Implemented advanced security measures, reducing cybersecurity vulnerabilities and ensuring 99.9% uptime.
- Optimized website structure and SEO, leading to a 35% increase in organic traffic and improved customer conversion rates.

## Senior Blockchain Engineer (DeFi): dFund - United Kingdom (UK)

July. 2021 - Sept. 2023

#### A DeFi product for lending and borrowing with a credit score algorithm structure

- Developed & deployed Ethereum-based smart contracts, enhancing platform transparency & security with zero security incidents.
- Led the design and implementation of a blockchain-based lending and borrowing system, integrating a credit score model, securing \$1M+ in Total Value Locked (TVL).
- Utilized Truffle, Hardhat, and OpenZeppelin to enhance code security, maintainability, and gas efficiency, reducing transaction costs by 30%.
- Integrated smart contract security best practices, ensuring full adherence to DeFi security standards and eliminating vulnerabilities in financial transactions.
- Developed and optimized DeFi DApps using Solidity, Web3.js, and modern blockchain frameworks, ensuring seamless user interactions.

## Development Team Lead: Traddex Store - Akure, Nigeria

May. 2019 - Sept. 2022

#### An E-commerce web store service provider

- Led the development team to design, code, and deploy software modules effectively.
- Supervised coding practices, optimized code efficiency, and maintained software functionality.
- Worked with cross-functional teams to troubleshoot, debug, and resolve software issues.
- Contributed to building feature-rich applications using PHP, Laravel and MySQL.

#### Student Intern: Centre for Space Research and Applications (CESRA), Akure, Nigeria

July. 2021 - Sept. 2021

- Calculated Vegetation & Water Index (NDVI & NDWI) to assess the vegetation trends of forest reserves in Nigeria.
- Acquired basic knowledge in QGIS, Google Earth Pro & ARCGIS tool & its application in forest management assessment.

# AWARDS / HONOURS

| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner Up, Wema Bank Hackaholics Startup Competition                                     | 2023 |
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| Academic Excellence Award, IFSA, FUTA Chapter  | 2019 |
| Award of Excellence & Recognition, NRA, Abuja, Nigeria   | 2017 |
| PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CERTIFICATIONS  |      |
| Decentralized Finance (Defi) Development and Management - Finrik   | 2024 |
| Measurement, Reporting and Verification for Environmental Integrity: Application - FAO                   | 2024 |
| National Youth Service Corps - NYSC  | 2024 |
| Advanced Business Foundations - Nexford University   | 2024 |
| • Strategic business planning, financial analysis, innovative problem-solving.                           |      |
| AI in Business Essential Training, Linkedin Learning   | 2024 |
| Programming for Everybody (Python), University of Michigan, Coursera                                     | 2023 |
| • Introduction to Python, data type, variables, Python tools such as functions and loops                 |      |
| Data Science Foundations, Linkedin Learning  | 2023 |
| • Data mining using R, Python, Orange, and RapidMiner, Data clustering & reduction, Regression analysis. |      |
| Ethereum Blockchain Developer, Udemy   | 2022 |
| Professional Project Management Basics   | 2022 |
| Solidity and NFT Development, Udemy  | 2022 |
| Solidity Programming Language, Udemy   | 2022 |
| Blockchain Certification Training, SkillUp   | 2021 |
| Google Digital Skills for Africa   | 2020 |
| Grade 1 Nigeria Football Referee - NRA/NFF   | 2017 |
| VOLUNTEERING AND COMMUNITY SERVICE   |      |
| Volunteer and Outreach Leader of Charity CDS, Ibadan, Nigeria  | 2024 |
| • Volunteer, Tech Dynasty Youth Support Initiative, Pamirian Foundation, Imo, Nigeria                    | 2024 |
| Member and Media team volunteer for OneAfricanChild Foundation   | 2023 |
| Participated in the NYSC Impact 50 lives community outreach, Ibadan, Nigeria                             | 2023 |
| Web Development and Media team, The Beat School Tour, CMTGGI, Lagos, Nigeria                             | 2021 |

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