Certificate in Mainframe Technologies (LYIT)

Section 1: About the Applicant (1-2 pages)

- 1-2 pages about yourself. Introduce yourself. Summarise your work experience, qualifications, training courses, motives for applying for the programme.

My name is David Adindu. I am a 21 year old software developer living in Letterkenny. I taught myself how to code in the summer of 2016 just using videos on youtube and tutorials on the internet. Two years prior I did a class in Scratch, the interactive coding software used to make games. I have always had a passion for technology since I was a kid. I started off learning web development by following tutorials on Youtube in my spare time in the summer of 2016. I made some really awesome projects using HTML/CSS and basic Javascript. I ended up losing my laptop with all my first beginner projects on it and didn't have them backed up externally :(.

I kept learning, completed my Leaving Certificate, worked for a year, saved up for college and started my first year of Computer Science September 2018 in IT Blanchardstown, now TUD. Through my first and second year, during my studies I continued using Youtube videos and Udemy to develop my web development skills. I built many projects in my spare time between university, work and other commitments. My university curriculum gave me the chance to try out different programming languages such as Python, Java, C++/#. Although we did very little web development, I relished in the opportunity to feed my software brain and loved programming. I also picked up a little bit of smart contract programming on Ethereum using Solidity.

What got me into Mainframe technologies was my neighbour, Ruben. He was a retired COBOL Programmer, ironically. He was at the time working for a FinTech company in Dublin City. He became my mentor because he was the only person I knew in real life that was a software developer. He told me that I would have the opportunity to work in his company if I was able to pick up the necessary skills. Unfortunately or fortunately in this case, Covid changed the world last year and I find myself in a very lucky position where I am able to be part of this change in the world. As we move into a world where data is digital gold, there is no other computer as good with data than a mainframe. Which is why I am committed to learning these skills and developing my professional career to change my life and the lives of others around me.