Likely Interview Questions

Le rôle de Project Manager chez YiRI est de diriger une 'symphonie entre tradition et technologie' pour livrer un modèle IA révolutionnaire. Comment votre expérience en tant que Project Manager Consultant chez Orange CI et Lead Data Scientist vous a préparé à piloter un projet d'une telle envergure, combinant innovation technologique et mission culturelle ?

Frame your response around your proven ability to lead complex, data-driven projects using Agile methodologies.

Highlight specific AI/ML product deliveries that demonstrate innovation.

Explicitly connect your technical leadership with the cultural mission, drawing on your African background and community involvement (e.g., Zindi).

Ce projet implique la supervision d'un budget significatif de 3,8 milliards FCFA. Décrivez une situation où vous avez géré des ressources financières importantes pour un projet, en assurant transparence et impact.

Even without direct multi-billion budget experience, discuss your expertise in resource planning, optimization, and ensuring ROI in your previous PM roles.

Mention how your 97% on-time delivery at Orange CI demonstrates efficient resource utilization and project fiscal discipline.

Focus on the *impact* and *transparency* of your decisions regarding project resources.

Le succès de YiRI dépendra d'une collaboration étroite avec des partenaires comme l'UNESCO, l'ANSUT et diverses universités. Parlez-nous d'une expérience où vous avez dû coordonner plusieurs parties prenantes aux intérêts variés pour atteindre un objectif commun.

Leverage your experience at GIBT in stakeholder management and cross-department collaboration, especially in scaling training programs which often involve multiple internal and external entities.

Discuss how you fostered alignment and managed expectations among different groups during your project management roles at Data354 or Orange CI.

YiRI met l'accent sur la préservation de l'identité culturelle africaine à travers la technologie. Comment envisagez-vous d'infuser cette dimension culturelle dans le développement et le déploiement des plateformes numériques et du modèle IA?

This is a critical question. Directly link your technical skills (e.g., Wolof NLP Dataset project at Baamtu) to cultural preservation.

Emphasize your passion for African culture, your local context knowledge (Abidjan education/work, Senegal experience), and your role as Zindi Ambassador, showcasing engagement with African tech communities.

Talk about designing user-centric solutions that respect and integrate local cultural nuances.

En tant que 'chef d'orchestre', vous serez responsable de coordonner des équipes multidisciplinaires. Décrivez votre approche pour inspirer et diriger une équipe diversifiée de spécialistes pour un projet aussi unique et ambitieux.

Draw on your leadership roles where you mentored cross-functional teams (Orange CI), led large training programs (GIBT), and implemented Agile methodologies.

Highlight your ability to foster collaboration, communicate a shared vision, and empower specialists.

Use examples of how you've motivated teams to deliver high-impact, innovative solutions.

Le projet vise à livrer un 'modèle IA révolutionnaire'. Parlez-nous d'un défi technique majeur que vous avez rencontré dans un projet d'IA et comment vous l'avez surmonté pour innover et livrer un produit à fort impact.

Choose one of your complex AI deliverables (e.g., Avia for cardiovascular care, Alia for legal queries, TaxiFlow for demand prediction).

Describe the specific technical hurdle (e.g., data quality, model accuracy, integration challenges, ethical considerations for AI).

Detail your problem-solving approach, the innovative solutions you implemented, and the measurable impact achieved.

Key Talking Points

Proven Project Leadership in AI/Data Contexts: Emphasize your "Project Manager Consultant" role at Orange CI, highlighting Agile methodologies, 97% on-time delivery, and managing complex data-driven solutions and diverse teams. Connect this directly to leading YiRI's multidisciplinary teams.

Deep Expertise in AI/ML & Digital Platform Deployment: Showcase the breadth of your AI/ML projects (LLMs, RAG, predictive models, voice AI) from Data354 and Orange CI. Stress your experience in deploying these solutions for "real-world impact" and architecting systems like Data Mesh, directly addressing the requirement for "Maîtrise data/cloud/IA" and delivering a "modèle IA révolutionnaire."

Strong Connection to African Context and Passion for Cultural Impact: Highlight your education in Abidjan, current work in Côte d'Ivoire, and particularly your role as Zindi Volunteer Country Ambassador, demonstrating a deep commitment to fostering data science growth in Africa. Frame this experience to explicitly show your "passion pour la culture africaine" and understanding of local context, aligning with YiRI's unique mission to link technology and cultural identity.

Experience in Training, Scaling Initiatives & Stakeholder Management: Leverage your leadership roles at GIBT where

you scaled training programs to over 1000 professionals and managed stakeholders. This demonstrates an ability to build capacity, ensure adoption, and coordinate effectively, which is crucial for a project involving diverse partners and a long-term vision.

Questions to Ask the Interviewer

Given the project's ambition to link technology and cultural identity, could you elaborate on how success will be measured beyond the technical deliverables, specifically regarding cultural preservation and community engagement?

Le déploiement d'un modèle IA révolutionnaire et la coordination de multiples partenaires sont des défis complexes. Pourriez-vous me décrire la feuille de route prévue pour les 12-18 premiers mois du projet et les principaux jalons que le Project Manager sera chargé d'atteindre?

Considering the significant budget and the involvement of various national and international stakeholders (ANSUT, UNESCO, universities), what are the existing governance structures and reporting mechanisms in place for this project?

YiRI est décrit comme un projet où "l'Afrique invente la révolution numérique à son image." Comment l'équipe actuelle et la culture de l'organisation soutiennent-elles cette vision audacieuse et encourage l'innovation culturelle au sein des projets techniques?