

Amresha Soomro

Senior IT Project Manager with 10+ years of experience leading the delivery of complex technology platforms and transformation programs across FinTech and digital banking environments. Proven track record of delivering large-scale platforms on time and under budget, leading cross-border teams, partnering with C-level stakeholders, and driving measurable business outcomes.

EXPERIENCE

SEPA Cyber Technologies, Istanbul — Senior IT Project Manager

February 2022 - PRESENT

Led delivery of enterprise digital banking platforms for EU and UK clients within regulated environments.

- Led a portfolio of 8+ digital banking and FinTech transformation programs, coordinating cross-border teams and global vendors, consistently delivering initiatives on time and within budget.
- Directed cross-functional teams of 35+ developers, mobile engineers, QA specialists, and DevOps engineers across multiple geographies, improving delivery predictability and stakeholder confidence.
- Defined project scope, KPIs, and delivery roadmaps in partnership with C-level stakeholders, translating strategic objectives into executable plans.
- Delivered whitelabel digital banking platforms across EU/UK, aligning client product roadmaps and delivery priorities, improving analytics data quality by 25%.
- Coordinated with UK and US vendors for API integrations including KYC/KYB, digital payments, and transaction monitoring.
- Oversaw production releases, and prioritization cycles, ensuring zero critical defects during go-live and post-release phases.
- Acted as primary escalation point for delivery and risk issues, maintaining strong client relationships and long-term engagement success.

✓ 8+ enterprise programs delivered | ✓ 35+ team members led | ✓ 25% data quality improvement | ✓ Zero critical production defects

Barclays Bank PLC, Karachi — Fraud OPS & IS Supervisor

May 2008 - Nov 2012

Delivered financial crime platforms and regulatory reporting solutions within a highly regulated global banking environment.

- Led end-to-end delivery of a Financial Crime Investigation & Incident Management platform. Coordinated internal teams and vendors to deliver on time, under budget, and with zero critical defects.
- Managed project timelines, budgets, and vendor performance, ensuring compliance with Barclays governance and delivery standards across EM.
- Coordinated fraud and dispute reporting with VISA (VROL), ensuring 100% accuracy and regulatory compliance.

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KEY CAPABILITIES

Delivered 8+ FinTech Platforms on time & under budget.

Zero critical defects in production delivery.

Led teams of 45+ engineers across EU, UK, and Emerging Markets.

Directed 6+ financial crime, incident monitoring, & regulatory reporting initiatives.

TOOLS & TECHNOLOGIES

Project Management: JIRA, Confluence & MS Office.

Data Analytics and Visualization: Python, MySQL, Tableau, DAX and Power BI

Development: ReactJS, NodeJS, WordPress and WooCommerce.

AWARDS & CERTIFICATIONS

Barclays Spot Award for Exceptional Performance.

Nominated Internal Audit Remediation Champion, leading audit issue tracking & closure.

UBL 2007 & 2006 Best Performer Award

- Delivered weekly, monthly, and quarterly regulatory reports to the State Bank of Pakistan, EM leadership, and UK Group. Achieved 100% compliance with no regulatory breaches.
- Designed and implemented automated fraud and regulatory reporting tools, reducing report preparation time by 75% and improving audit readiness.
- Identified and escalated fraud trends, implementing mitigation controls that reduced fraud losses by 35%.
- Prepared annual Fraud Risk Assessments and conducted quarterly Risk Control Assessments, aligned with Group risk frameworks.
- Chaired monthly governance meetings with regional and UK Group stakeholders, ensuring transparency and accountability.

✓ 35% fraud loss reduction | ✓ 75% reporting efficiency gain | ✓ 100% regulatory compliance.

United Bank Ltd, Karachi — Country MIS Coordinator

MONTH 20XX - MONTH 20XX

Owned design and delivery of enterprise information systems supporting country-wide banking operations.

- Led the design and delivery of multiple enterprise systems, including Case Tracking, Sales Executive Clearance Systems, Credit Card Issuing & Acquiring, and Fraud Monitoring platforms, improving operational control and visibility.
- Authored system specifications, technical documentation, and user manuals, ensuring smooth deployment and operational continuity.
- Coordinated with infrastructure and networking teams for production deployments, ensuring 100% system availability and performance.
- Planned and delivered nationwide training programs for 25 branches and back-office staff, enabling successful system adoption.
- Prepared daily, monthly, quarterly fraud reports, ensuring 100% timely reporting.
- Coordinated with external vendors (EWIDT, INSTINCT) to support fraud screening and debit card transaction monitoring solutions.

✓ Multiple enterprise systems delivered | ✓ Country-wide adoption achieved | ✓ Zero critical defects at go-live.

EDUCATION

Altinbas University, Istanbul — Msc. Information Technology

OCT 2024 - In Progress

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OCT 2022 - JUN 2024

Diabetes Detection, optimize the FeedForward Neural Network model using Artificial Bee Colony Algorithm to obtain high accuracy of up to 99.85%

University of Portsmouth, UK — Bsc (Hons) in Computing

OCT 2000 - JUN 2003

Webmaster & Web Project Management.

INTERNSHIP

GlaxoSmithKline, IT Division

Design UI's for Electronic Central Documentary System.

Design UI's for Bill Of Material. Tools used were 'Lotus Domino Designer' and 'Lotus Notes'.

LANGUAGES

English & Urdu