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PROJECT TENDER

Project: Property Investor Optimiser

Client: CSIR

Team: IMPAKD

TEAM MEMBERS

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1 Meet The Team Members

Priscilla Madigoe



- **Interests**

My interests include Computer Programming, Electronics, Computer Graphics, Robotics, travelling, Anime, competitive programming, photography, music, sports and reading novels.

- **Technical Skills**

- Computer Programming with sound knowledge of Java, C/C++, MatLab, Assembler, WebGL and Web-related programming languages.
- Complex Problem-Solving using scientific and mathematical principles.
- System Analysis to determine how a computer software should behave in set conditions.
- Quality Control Analysis to evaluate the performance and quality of computer software.

- **Past Experience**

The Software Engineering module had a preparatory project called the Mini Project that was created to give us a real-world experience of software development. I took part in the project and I have learnt the process of software development, team work and different technologies used to develop computer software and I've participated in this year's Standard Bank IT Challenge.

- **Non-Technical Skills**

My non-technical skills include critical thinking, reading comprehension, writing, effective listening, social perceptiveness and active learning.

- **Reason for Interest in the Project**

I'd like to partake in this project because I'd like to learn more about property investment and increase my programming diversity.

Diana Obo



• Interests

My interests are travelling, game development, Web development and Anime. I also enjoy learning about new technologies and watching a lot of discovery channels and documentaries.

• Technical Skills

- I have sound knowledge of Java, C++, HTML, CSS, Javascript, C# and MatLab.
- Mobile development (Android Studio)
- 3DS MAX
- Ember.js and Handlebar.js

• Past Experience

- I participated in this year's Standard Bank IT Challenge.
- I did an internship at a small company named Lepsta where I did Web development.

• Non-Technical Skills

- Willingness to learn
- Team player
- Organised
- Diligent
- Reliable

- **Reason for Interest in the Project**

I want to learn more about property investment and gain business-oriented knowledge. This project is exciting and it is going to challenge me as a programmer and enable me to use all my knowledge that I have learnt as a computer programming student at The university of Pretoria as well as gain new knowledge throughout the project execution.

Kudzai Muranga



• Interests

I am an avid reader. I love fantasy novels the most. I like to keep myself up to date with the current affairs of the world. I am also interested in learning anything new that concerns science, technology and business.

• Technical Skills

- I have sound knowledge of Java, C++, HTML, CSS, Javascript, C# and mobile development.
- Artificial Intelligence experience
- Business Management knowledge
- Project Management

• Past Experience

- Participated in the Standard Bank IT Challenge.
- Invited to the Hello Group Open Day where I participated in a coding challenge using Java.

• Non-Technical Skills

- I am interested and open to learning new things
- Disciplined
- Organised
- Critical Thinking

• Reason for Interest in the Project

I have a big interest in business. This project is the best suited for me because it combines the technical skills of a programmer and the business-oriented knowledge of property investment.

Sandile Khumalo



- **Interests**

My interests are coding, reading on new and exciting technologies, watching and reading about football. I also enjoy weightlifting.

- **Technical Skills**

- I am comfortable and have experience coding in these languages; C++, Java, C#, PHP, HTML, JavaScript and Bash. I also have done 64 bit assembler language and I have experience in MINIX.

- **Past Experience**

I have done a project in my software development class that is similar. It incorporates most of the technologies and frameworks used in the work place when developing big projects.

- **Non-Technical Skills**

I am a hard working student. I am dedicated and I believe if there is a will, there is a way. This is especially true as a developer because most of the solutions are there and someone has done it before. It's a matter of good research and good understanding of the task at hand. I am willing to learn from every experience.

- **Reason for Interest in the Project**

I find this project challenging and exciting. There is a lot to learn from it but I am confident that as fun as it will be doing it, it will also be a success.

2 Project Execution

• Development Methodology

For this project, the following development methodology will be used:

- Name:

Scrum

- What is Scrum?

Scrum is a lightweight management framework with broad applicability for managing & controlling iterative & incremental projects of all types (Takeuchi & Nonaka, 1999).

- Why did we choose to use it?

Because of all the potential additions that might occur at the different stages of development for this project, we have decided that Scrum is the best suited development methodology to use.

• Keeping CSIR Informed

To keep CSIR informed about the project, we are going to use the following technologies and strategies:

- We will use the client meetings to discuss all aspects of the project.
- Send an email to set up appointments.
- Use an application called Slack for general queries and updates.

• Ideas to Solve Technical Problems for PropertyInvestmentOptimiser

We are going to create a heuristic function to work out the optimal investment strategy depending on the users portfolio.

- First Phase

1. We will classify the type of property as either "commercial" or "residential" and have different algorithms to simulate the ROI for each.
2. We will then take into account the most likely property related expenses associated with that property such as operational expenses which include utility bills and repairs.

- Second Phase

1. We will research APIs that will help us convert numerical data into statistical data to create graphs, charts, etc.

- **Possible Technologies to be Used**

We are planning on using the following technologies for the project:

- Version Control: Git
- Unit Testing: JUnit Framework
- We will use Maven for dependency management, plugin framework and support for modularization for projects.
- For the implementation of the project, we will use a Model-View-Controller, or MVC architectural pattern with the help of Node.js and Ember.js to set up the web application.
- We will use Xamarin to natively code Android and IOS applications in C

- **What CSIR will Receive**

In addition to receiving the expected project deliverables, CSIR will receive a potential Android and IOS application.