

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

Oghenetega Gabriel Jeroh

My technical interests include Cryptography, Network Security, Secure Software Development and the social implications of computers. I have decided to major in Secure Software Development during my postgraduate studies.

Computers have become indispensable because of their increasing power and versatility. Unfortunately, as computer use becomes more widespread, so do the opportunities for misuse. Computer hackers often violate privacy and can tamper with or destroy records. Programs called viruses or worms can replicate and spread from computer to computer, erasing information or causing malfunctions. Other individuals have used computers to electronically embezzle funds and alter credit histories. The biggest surprise was the change in the threat model. We always knew there could be profit-based attacks, but no one anticipated the current alliance between hackers and other sorts of criminals, such as spammers, credit-card thieves, stock fraud artists, and so on. This, combined with the woeful security level of most desktop machines has created a vast profit motive for computer crime. Individuals, companies, and governments are working to solve these problems through informed conversation, compromise, better computer security, and regulatory legislation. Vendors started developing more robust products when they suddenly realized that it is better and cheaper to get rid of security holes during product development than to deal with the public relations mess and patches after the fact. Nowhere was this more evident than in Bill Gates's memo in January 2002, announcing Microsoft's Trustworthy Computing initiative. He declared "Trustworthy Computing is the highest priority for all the work we are doing," adding "so now, when we face a choice between adding features and resolving security issues, we need to choose security." Microsoft has decided to resolve this by educating its developers and changing its software development practices. Given the growing interest in trustworthy software and recent efforts to develop secure coding standards and practices, there is therefore a stringent call for research in the area of secure software development as we may possibly see a breakthrough in secure coding. All hands should be on deck because in the not distant future, we could see actual tools for attacking automobiles, robots, implants, remote surgeries, or energy systems instead of just Web sites, servers, and Personal Computers; this might be imminent crisis for the world at large.

Within the last two years, my interest and enthusiasm for research work have continued to grow progressively. It has become my habit to spend at least eight hours each day surfing the internet for challenges, brainstorming and drawing up new algorithms for solving these problems. The development, implementation and testing of profitable trading and Expert systems for making financial decisions in the foreign currency market have been my research focus within this period. These systems involve using fundamental and technical analysis tools to predict the market direction either in the short term or at times in the long term. The technical analysis tools include indicators displayed on charts, whose origin are based on advanced mathematical calculations such as Fibonacci retracement, Oscillators, Moving Average, Pivot, Resistance and Support regions. With the help of my C and C++ programming skills and the Meta Trader 4 inbuilt compiler, I was able to write the source codes for several Expert Advisors, Custom indicators and script for different trading systems which I developed. The Expert

Advisors (Robot) makes automated trading deals on live streaming data feeds using knowledge and analytical rules defined by my trading logic. Although progressive work is still on as I encounter new challenges daily, I intend to commercialize the product after satisfactory result has been ascertained.

A thought which I am currently involved in and sourcing for adequate information and concrete facts to draw up a proposal to the Nigerian government is, “The Software Network Management, Billing and Secure distribution of Electrical power to both residential and industrial consumers”. The Nigerian federal government has invested so much in the generation, transmission and distribution of electricity but due to its inability to effectively manage the finance and very large customer base, had to privatize a sector to the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN). Some of the major challenges that the power distribution network is facing are customer’s database management, precision billing and secure access. Attempts were made to solve the precision billing problems by introducing a pre-paid energy meter but desperate customers frustrated this positive gesture by short-circuiting the meter to get free access to the electrical energy. I therefore intend to develop a mechanism of software that will deny un-authorized customers access to the distribution network.

The pursuit of knowledge has always been my obsession and the propelling force behind all my achievements. My decision to pursue a PhD degree blends harmoniously with my eventual objective of taking up the highest ranking position at a research university while still having an authority in my area of interest. Though it helps me to become a member of the academic community, the postgraduate experiences also enhances my critical thinking, sharpens my analytical mind, refine my knowledge of research methodology and writing skills; and gives me a license to conduct research in my area of interest. There exist synergy between the MAP-i special theme for 2008/2009 “Security and Information Society” and my research interest so I suppose that a postgraduate study at your University will be the most logical extension of my academic pursuits and a major step towards fulfilling my aspirations.

I am very convinced that my undergraduate study has equipped me with the required basic knowledge in Computing, Mathematics and Electronics to excel in the PhD programme in Computer Science. My quest for in-depth knowledge for computer internetworking and security has motivated my self sponsored development certification courses in Cisco Certified Network Administration (CCNA) and Security Professional (CCSP). I also availed myself of the company’s sponsored online multimedia tutors developed by Skill Port and NETg to undertake intensive training in Software Development Practices, Fundamentals of Programming, A+ certification, C++ and Java programming languages. Attached is my resume with relevant teaching and Information Technology work experience.

I will be grateful to you if I am accorded the opportunity to pursue my graduate studies with MAP-i grant at your institution and if my academic potential, strong commitment to research and a persistence quest for knowledge will be worthy of your serious consideration in the selection of a suitable candidate.

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Date of review: 29 April 2008

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Jeroh Petrol Station,

Warri-Delta State, Nigeria.

SUMMARY:

Two years research experience in the development and testing of Expert Systems.

Four years professional experience in computer and voice transmission network management.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS:

Programming Languages: MQL, C, C++, and Java.

Platforms: Windows 98/NT/2000/XP/Vista and UNIX

IT CERTIFICATIONS:

Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA), 91%, December 2006

AutoCAD Designs, Upper Credit, September 2000

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING:

Cisco Certified Security Professional (CCSP)

A++ Certification

Software Programming Fundamentals

Software Programming Best Practices

C++ and Java programming languages

EDUCATION:

Bachelor of engineering (B.Eng) in Electrical/Electronics Engineering, Federal

University of Technology, Akure (FUTA), Nigeria, 2001-05

Ordinary National Diploma (OND) in Electrical/Electronics Engineering, Petroleum Training Institute (PTI), Nigeria, 1998-2000

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Foreign currency Exchange tutor, 2008-date

HIV/AIDS peer-educator during National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), 2006-07

Secondary School Mathematics and Physics teacher during NYSC, 2006-07

Undergraduate tutorship for second and third year courses, 2001-03

Computer application Instructor during Internship, 2000-01

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

The development, implementation and testing of profitable trading and Expert systems for making financial decisions in the foreign currency market, 2006-Date

The Software Network Management, Billing and Secure distribution of Electrical power to both residential and industrial consumers, 2008-Date

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Telecoms Engineer, RANC Ltd. (Shell Petroleum Telecom Vendor), Warri, Nigeria, 2004-date:

- Installation, Configuration, Operation and Maintenance of CDMA/GMR Satellite and PDH/SDH terrestrial Radio Access Network and Multiplexers:
- Optimization and Network Management of Shell LAN/WLAN/MAN/WAN Data-Voice Network
- Digital Satellite Television (DSTV) Network Monitor
- Experience interacting with telecom carriers (MTN/Celtel/Glo) and other business partners

Network Engineer (Internship), XCEL International Computer, Warri, Nigeria, 2000-01:

- Computer Hardware and Software Engineering and Networking.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and Excel.
- Cloning, repairs and after sale maintenance of computer system unit, monitors, printers, photocopiers and scanners.
- Operation of 7KVA Generator.

TECHNICAL WRITE UP AND PRESENTATION:

Student Industrial Work Scheme (SIWES) Internship report.

Seminar Presentation and Report write up on The Efficient use of Transmission media in Telecommunication Infrastructure.

Seminar Presentation and Report write up on The Reliability and Efficiency of Obanla Rural Power Distribution Network.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

I spend my leisure time having motivational chat with friends and relatives, playing video games, chess and scrabble games. I spend a lot of time surfing the internet, watching documentaries, current affairs and watching movies. I will not forget my regular commitment and devotions I give to my religious activities. I rarely go out for swimming and foot balling.

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY:

English Language happens to be the official language of my country Nigeria. It is the official medium of instruction at all levels of education and the medium for communication in the workplace. I do not have any problem with undertaking my postgraduate programme in English language because I am proficient in both spoken and written English.

COURSE CODES	COURSE TITLE	GRADE	POINTS	CREDIT UNIT
MEE 201	Manufacturing Technology I	51C	3	2
MEE 207	Applied Mechanics	47D	2	3
EEE 281	Basic Electrical Engineering I	50C	3	3
IMC 241	Basic Computer Programming I	51C	3	3
GNS 203	Nigerian People and Culture	57C	3	2
MNE 203	Engineer in Society	53C	4	1
MME 201	Science of Materials	44E	1	3
CHE 205	Physical Chemistry	41E	1	2
CRP 201	General Agricultural Theory	71A	5	1
IMC 201	Mathematical Methods I	41E	1	3
CVE 202	Strength of Material I	63B	4	3
MEE 202	Engineering Drawing II	52C	3	3
MEE 206	Basic Thermodynamics	45D	2	3
EEE 282	Basic Electrical Engineering II	58C	3	3
IMC 202	Introduction to Numerical Analysis	62B	4	3
IMC 242	Basic Computer Programming II	62B	4	3
AGE 204	Basic Fluid Mechanics	60B	4	2
CRP 210	Practical Agriculture	40E	1	2
GNS 104	Information Retrieval (Library)	53C	3	1

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400 LEVEL (3RD YEAR)

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500 LEVEL (4TH YEAR)

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EEE 511	Control Engineering	68B	4	3
EEE 555	Electrical Service Design	52C	3	2
EEE 533	Communication System	50C	3	3
EEE 551	Power Electronic and Devices	48D	2	3
EEE 546	Assembly Language	58C	3	3
EEE 571	Electric Engineering Project			3
MEE 501	Engineering Economics and Accounting	67B	4	3
MEE 502	Engineering Law and Management	57C	3	3
EEE 572	Final Year Project	67B	4	3
EEE 582	Reliability and Maintainability of Systems	57C	3	2
EEE 584	Seminar Presentation	67B	4	2
EEE 431	Communication Principles	43E	1	3
EEE 547	System Programming	56C	3	3
EEE 538	Broadcasting	46D	2	3

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YEAR ADMITTED: 2000 MATRIC. NO: EEE/00/4740

COURSE PURSUED: ELECTRICAL/ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING

STATE OF ORIGIN: DELTA STATE

SPONSOR: CHIEF E. O. JEROH

DEGREE AWARDED: B. ENGINEERING

DATE OF AWARD: DECEMBER 2005

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			IMC 201	41E	1	EEE 361	64B	4
			IMC 241	51C	3	IMC 309	64B	4
			MEE 201	44E	1	EEE 322	53C	3
			MEE 207	47D	2	EEE 332	67B	4
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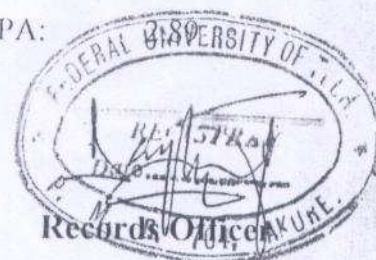
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KEYS TO GRADE

MARK%	GRADE	POINTS	DESCRIPTION
70% and above	A	5	Very Good
60-69%	B	4	Good
50-59%	C	3	Average
45-49%	D	2	Satisfactory
40-44%	E	1	Weak
Below 40%	F	0	Very Weak

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SPONSOR: CHIEF E. O. JEROH

DEGREE AWARDED: B. ENGINEERING

DATE OF AWARD: DECEMBER 2005

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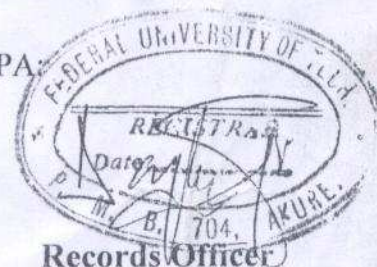
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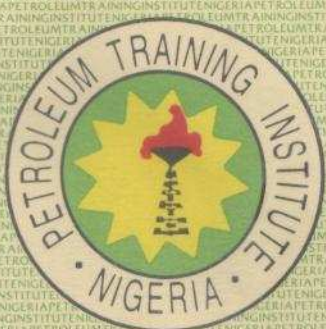
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For Registrar



PETROLEUM TRAINING INSTITUTE EFFURUN, NIGERIA

This is to certify that

Gabriel Oghenetega Jeroh

*having completed the approved course of study and
passed the prescribed Examinations has, under the
Authority of the Academic Board, been awarded*

National Diploma

Electrical / Electronic Engineering Technology

Upper Credit

17th September 2000

DATE

No *DA 1672*

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NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE CORPS

Certificate of National Service

This is to Certify that

Jerome Gabriel Oghenne

NDSC BO/FUA/06/304885 has satisfactorily completed national service from **14th Feb. 2006** to **13th Feb. 2007** in

with **Section 11** of the **National Youth Service Corps Decree No. 1**

13th Feb. 2007

Director-General
National Youth Service Corps

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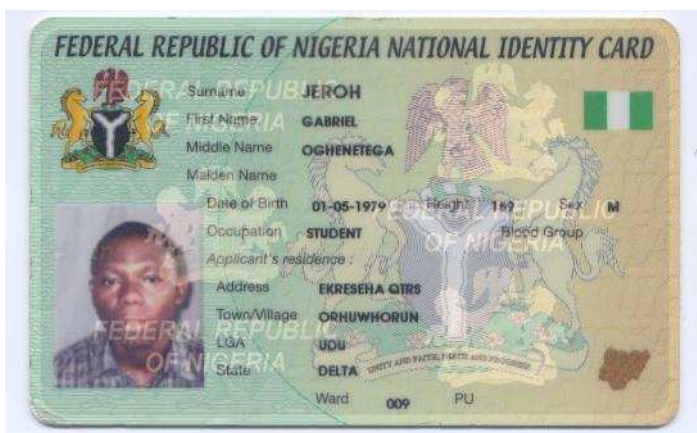
NOTIFICATION OF RESULT: SUCCESS IN THE UNIVERSITY FINAL DEGREE EXAMINATIONS

I am pleased to inform you that as a result of your success in the Bachelor of Technology final degree examinations held in August, 2005. Senate has at its special meeting held on November 30, 2005 on the recommendations of the Board of Studies, School of engineering & engineering technology approved that you be awarded the Degree of BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING in ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING with SECOND CLASS (HONS) LOWER DIVISION.

On behalf of the Senate of this University, kindly accept my warm congratulations.

The certificate however, will be ready for collection in due course.





Particulars of Next of Kin :

Surname **JEROH**
First Name **PETER**
Middle Name **OMAYUAI**
Address **EKRESEHA QIRS**

Applicant's Origin :

Place **ORHUWHORUN**
State **DELTA**

Date of ID Card Issue **07-07-2005**

Place **ABUJA (FCT)**

State **LGA RC** Seq Number **00802160801** ID Form Number **0607791318**

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REFEREE FORM

The referee report provided by you helps us to evaluate the applicant's academic and intellectual capacity, and is an integral part of our admission decision process. Thank you.

Name of Applicant:	Oghenetega Gabriel Jeroh
Referee's Name:	Engineer Ovie Okor
Telephone No:	+2348039602466
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Email Address:	Ovie.okor@shell.com
Organization:	The Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Limited
Designation:	Senior Telecommunications Analyst

EVALUATION OF APPLICANT

1. How long have you known the applicant, and in what capacity?

I have known the applicant for over 3 years as a staff of RANC limited. RANC limited is a vendor to SPDC and they maintain the telecommunication facilities under my direct supervision.

2. Please appraise the candidate in terms of the qualities listed below, relative to the applicant's peers. Mark an 'X' in the appropriate boxes.

	Average / Below	Good (Above Average)	Excellent	Outstanding
Proficiency in English			X	
Enthusiasm and desire to learn				X
Analytical Skills				X
Verbal Skills			X	
Ability to adapt to new situations				X
Self-Confidence				X
Creative Qualities				X
Leadership Potential			X	
Managerial Potential			X	
Initiative				X

3. Your assessment of applicant's potential/suitability to undertake PhD study in Computer Science.

It is with pleasure that I recommend Mr. Oghenetega for PhD programme at your university. I have known him as an innovative self-starter, who rarely needs supervision. He is punctual and typically exceeds expectations. He handles pressure well, and will voluntarily work overtime and take work home to meet a deadline. He has a strong desire to excel, sets high standards for himself and achieves them consistently. Mr. Oghenetega is a very sincere and diligent person with sufficient motivation to excel in his chosen field of studies. I wish him all the best and strongly recommend him for PhD study in your University with full financial aid. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any additional information.

4. Any other information which you think is relevant to our admission decision.

On a personal level Oghenetega is an ambitious person showing a lot of enthusiasm for research and development works. He has literally gotten me involved in his research for expert solutions to financial problems in online foreign currency market (forex) and has been able to develop some profitable systems which are currently under test on a demo account. His passion for research and successful result so far has motivated me to support him both technically and financially in his works as well as in his desire to further his academic career in his chosen field of studies. I have so much confidence in him and see a lot of potentials that will be unleashed if given the required enabling environment.

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I strongly recommend this applicant for PhD study in Computer Science.

Referee's Signature: _____

Date: 5th May 2008

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Referee's Name: Michael Adeniyi
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Email Address: michael.adeniyi@rancelimited.com
Organization: Ranc Limited
Designation: Manager

EVALUATION OF APPLICANT

1. How long have you known the applicant, and in what capacity?

I have known the applicant for 3 years . He worked as a Computer and Radio Transmission engineer under my supervision for about two years.

**2. Please appraise the candidate in terms of the qualities listed below, relative to the applicant's peers.
Mark an 'X' in the appropriate boxes.**

	Average / Below	Good (Above Average)	Excellent	Outstanding
Proficiency in English			X	
Enthusiasm and desire to learn				X
Analytical Skills		X		
Verbal Skills		X		
Ability to adapt to new situations			X	
Self-Confidence			X	
Creative Qualities		X		
Leadership Potential		X		
Managerial Potential		X		
Initiative			X	

3. Your assessment of applicant's potential/suitability to undertake PhD study in Computer Science.

Mr. Oghenetega Jeroh is a hard working and innovative man. He dedicated to duty and relates well with other co-workers.

4. Any other information which you think is relevant to our admission decision.

He is very eager to learn.

I strongly recommend this applicant for PhD study in Computer Science.

Referee's Signature: moadeniyi

Date: 03/05/2008

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