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### SKILLS

GCP | Azure | AWS | DevOps

Terraform | Docker | Python | Java

SQL | Rest API | Spring Boot | FastAPI

GitHub | Cursor AI | Lovable

Concourse | JIRA | Confluence

Generative AI | LLM | Huggingface

OpenAI | ChatGPT | Claude

LangChain | Vector DB | CrewAI

LangGraph | AutoGen | Ollama

Strategic planning | Decision making

Problem solving | People management

Talent acquisition

### LANGUAGES

French (Fluent)

English (Good)

# AI Strategist & Leader

## Driving Enterprise AI Transformation & Hands-on Innovation

## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

With over 30 years in IT and AI leadership roles at CGI, Sadie AI, and National Bank of Canada, I'm a dynamic leader passionate about driving transformational innovation. I specialize in strategic AI planning, roadmap execution, and building high-performing teams to deliver impactful, user-centric solutions. Deeply engaged in the AI community, I co-organize Generative AI Montreal, a vibrant network of 800+ members hosting monthly events to promote knowledge sharing and innovation. Analytical, rigorous, and collaborative, I'm dedicated to leveraging technology not just as a problem-solving tool, but as a catalyst for meaningful organizational change.

## EXPERIENCE

### Head of Technology

*Sadie AI | May 2025 – Jul 2025 · 3 mos · Montreal, Quebec, Canada · Hybrid*

• Led strategic and operational scaling of a voice AI platform for 24/7 virtual restaurant reception.

• Defined and executed a 90-day technology roadmap focused on stability, scalability, and integrations (e.g., Now Book It).

• Oversaw a cross-functional engineering team, managing daily execution, delivery milestones, and architecture decisions.

• Aligned technical delivery with go-to-market and customer experience goals in collaboration with CEO, Product, and Marketing.

• Delivered weekly executive briefings and detailed reports to CTO on progress, risks, and team performance.

• Spearheaded internal reorganization to reduce bottlenecks, clarify roles, and accelerate delivery speed.

• Improved dev workflows: GitHub automation, cloud infrastructure, and voice agent stability.

• Built technical foundations for scaling and long-term success in a high-growth, real-time AI environment.

### Senior AI strategy & roadmap adviser

*National Bank of Canada | Feb 2025 – May 2025 · 4 mos · Montreal, Quebec, Canada · Hybrid*

• Accelerated AI adoption across SDLC to boost delivery efficiency and business value in Asset Management, Cards API Domain, and Compliance.

• Defined and executed AI vision and roadmap aligned with enterprise objectives and regulatory requirements.

• Led deployment of GitHub Copilot for developers and Copilot 365 agents for business users.

• Coordinated AI enablement across business analysts, developers, solution architects, and compliance specialists.

• Identified and prioritized high-value AI use cases, guiding initiatives from exploration to operational deployment.

• Drove AI literacy and change management programs to cultivate adoption and trust.

• Embedded generative AI in everyday tools and development environments to foster innovation.

### Director Consulting Delivery Generative AI

*CGI | Mar 2024 – Feb 2025*

• Lead a 15-person AI consulting team delivering innovative solutions to global clients.

• Own CGI's Generative-AI go-to-market, boosting operational efficiency and client engagement.

• Craft and present executive-level decks that win new business with VPs and C-suite sponsors.

• Recruit and mentor specialised AI talent, building high-performance delivery squads.

• Drive internal Gen-AI initiatives that streamline processes and foster a culture of innovation.

### Team / Technical Lead IAC – Terraform Cloud

*CGI @ Canadian National | Dec 2023 – Feb 2024*

• Shape the IaC roadmap and steer backlog grooming for a multi-cloud GCP environment.

• Prioritise and evangelise Terraform Cloud best practices across CN's cloud teams.

• Set up end-to-end CI/CD pipelines with automated review, promotion and workflow regeneration.

• Govern DevOps tooling stack: Terraform Cloud, Azure DevOps, Git, NPM, Confluence, ADO Boards.

### Generative AI / LLM Consultant

*Tier Dev | May 2023 – Today*

• Developed and fine-tuned Llama-2 and Mistral LLMs for domain-specific use-cases.

• Published vectors & datasets to Hugging Face; deployed models via Ollama + TGI.

• Launched educational YouTube tutorials and spoke at an industry Gen-AI conference.

• Founded the Generative AI Montréal meetup (12+ live events and counting).

### GCP Platform Architect

*Desjardins | Mar 2023 – May 2023*

• Architected a secure, reliable, scalable GCP landing zone for enterprise workloads.

• Authored the migration roadmap ensuring compliance with stringent security controls.

• Partnered with Google engineers to overcome complex networking constraints.

• Championed SCRUM / SAFe practices using Jira and Confluence for knowledge sharing.

### Developer Advocate – DevOps GCP

*Desjardins | Jan 2021 – Apr 2023*

• Advised engineering squads on GCP service adoption and DevOps culture.

• Created Java and Python IaC examples for GKE, Terraform, and serverless patterns.

• Wrote and maintained extensive Confluence documentation for 50+ internal teams.

### Spring Dev/Ops Tanzu/Azure

*Desjardins | May 2017 – Jan 2021*

• Helped set up and use Pivotal Cloud Foundry (tools, methods, docs).

• Supported squads in incubation mode with pair programming.

• Built and deployed using TDD and CI/CD.

• Used Jenkins and Concourse pipelines.

• Applied SonarQube and XRay for code quality and security.

### Senior Java Developer

*Loto-Québec | Sep 2015 – Apr 2017*

• Delivered features for the Hockey Pool platform and HR reporting applications.

• Tech stack: Spring Boot, Spring Batch, JBoss, J2EE, DB2 SQL, SOAP services.

### Senior Java Developer

*Visa Desjardins | May 2008 – Jul 2015*

• Developed and maintained multiple J2EE applications in a high-volume payment context.

• Tech stack: Struts, Tomcat, JSF, DB2 SQL, Unix shell scripting.

### Senior Java Developer

*BNP Paribas | May 2007 – May 2008*

• Gathered requirements, produced functional specs, sized workloads and led design.

• Delivered Timesheet (Tomnet), Onboarding (eEAF) and HR ClockNet portals for NYC teams.

• Tech stack: J2EE (Struts / JSP / EJB), Oracle, Agile iterations from Montréal near-shore.

### Java Developer

*Hydro-Québec | Apr 2002 – Apr 2007*

• Contributed to RSSEP applications as part of the enterprise Java centre of excellence.

• Tech stack: Spring Framework, J2EE, Oracle, WebLogic.

## EDUCATION

DUT Computer Science Management – IUT Orsay, Paris XI, 1993

Baccalauréat Scientifique – Lycée George Brassens, 1991

## PERSONAL PROJECTS & INTERESTS

Generative AI Montreal founder and organizer

Generative AI YouTube channel