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My experience, from several decades in architecture, includes but is not limited to the following:

- Diverse designs and varied levels of input.
- Appreciation of the professionalism that architecture demands.
- Experience working with a variety of computer aided design software.
- Strong conscientious and analytical approach to work.
- Complying to client brief without compromising a building's aesthetics and structural integrity.
- GA and detailed annotated drawings at all standard scales.
- Reviewing and coordinating drawings from allied consultants and manufacturers.
- Undertaking to achieve conformity to Local Authority requirements.
- Tender packages (drawings and documentation).
- Responding to tender queries.
- Timely resolution of site queries (RFIs) with drawings and documents.
- Providing drawings to manufacturers and checking returned shop drawings.
- Ensuring aesthetic/functional conformity of new works to existing structures on site.
- Researching available materials and including essential elements in specifications.
- Compiling door, window and any other required schedules.
- Communicating with the appropriate Quality Assurance managers.
- Basic site surveys and space planning for refurbishment projects.

Chuda Designs (business name) — 2020 to current

Offering general Architectural/Designer services

Major UK Experience (2008 to 2026):

Axis Design Ltd (my own VAT registered Personal Services Company) — 2015 to current

Offering general Architectural/Designer services

PWA – Piper Whitlock Architecture (Winchester) — January 2015 to June 2015

Worked as member of 4-man team on a high-cost retail park constructed in Rugby, UK.

LHC / Boyle+Summers (Southampton) — March 2014 to December 2014

Mostly Schools and some Commercial buildings

Capita Property and Infrastructure Ltd (Southampton) — January 2008 to January 2014

Mostly Schools and Residential buildings for Southampton City Council

Minor UK Experience (2003 to 2007):

2007	Architecture PLB. Winchester. (2nd time) Southampton City Council - Southampton.
2006	Household Henderson Architects – Winchester. Portsmouth Housing Association – Portsmouth.
2005 – 2006	Alexander Design. Winchester. (2nd time)
2004 – 2005	Architecture PLB. Winchester. (1st time)
2004	Alexander Design – Winchester. (1st time) HPW Partnership Ltd – Southampton.
2003	Cheyne Swan - Poole.

Botswana Experience (2003):

Dalgliesh Lindsay Group. Gaberone. Botswana.
On secondment - Team Architect to a government Project Management Team overseeing the delivery of upgrades to Primary School facilities throughout Botswana.

Zambia Experience (1986 to 2002):

2001 – 2002	Consultant under own name. Architect.
2000 – 2001	Nkole Bwalya and Associates. Lusaka. Zambia. Architect.
1993 – 2000	Consultant under own name. Architect.
1986 – 1993	Raven Design Associates. Ndola. Zambia. Assistant Architect and later Architect.

Education

1979 – 1986	Kiev Civil Engineering Institute. Kiev, Ukraine. Master of Science in Architecture (Distinction)

Professional Skills

REVIT – 3D modelling software with some rendering.

LUMION – main rendering tool for images and for walkthrough clips.

AUTOCAD – 2D drafting software.

Adobe Photoshop – Image manipulation and design.

Vectorworks – I rarely use this now but it was my introduction to 3D in CAD.

SketchUp – very basic usage.

Microsoft Office – good usage of Word, Excel and Outlook with a bit of power point.

Adobe Acrobat and Bluebeam – PDF creation and manipulation.

Construction Skills Certification Scheme CSCS UK card - now expired.

2004 - English for Professionals (IELTS) – attained Band 8 out of a maximum of 9.

Personal Skills

Conscientious. Thorough.

Excellent use of the Russian Language with a basic Language Teaching Certificate.

Interests

Swimming	–	Average speed of 2.5km/hr
Writing	–	A leaning to the factual and logical as opposed to fiction