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PROFILE

Highly motivated software engineer with excellent analytical / problem solving skills. Is a quick learner, keen to learn new technologies, with many years experience spanning the full software life cycle. Works well as part of a team and has worked with a variety of private companies as well as government entities.

Domain Knowledge

- Retail Sector (8 years)
- eCommerce (2 years)
- Hospitality (6 years)
- Payroll (4 years)
- Malta Government - Vehicle Registration (3 years)
- Malta Government - Driving licences (2 years)

Technology

- C / Pro-C on Unix (9 years)
- Object Oriented Programming (9 years)
- Java & Swing (8 years)
- J2ee (1 year)
- XP within DSDM framework (3 years)
- Powerbuilder (3 years)
- Javascript, vbScript, HTML / XML / XSL / Xpath (5 years)
- PocketPC (3 years)
- Oracle, PL/SQL and Oracle packages (8 years)
- Informix 4GL (3 years)
- Visual Basic 6 (3 years)
- C++ (2 years)

EXPERIENCE

Company: AIData Solution SA – Paris

Date: August 2004 - present

Position: Senior Software Engineer / Analyst (Contractor - 8th renewal)

Aldata Solution supplies a comprehensive range of Supply Chain Management and In-Store solutions

- Software developer and Analyst, working on the retail supply chain software G.O.L.D. solutions. The system provides a complete solution to the retail community from shop ordering to warehouse management and optimisation of stock levels.
- Developed front-end using our Java OIS library, an abstracted layer above Java Swing. We use Eclipse 3.1 as a development environment, Rational Clearcase for version control and Clearquest for bug tracking. For the backend application server we use a customised version of Tomcat. Backend batch processing is done using pro-C (C with embedded SQL) with extensive use of Oracle packages. Interfaces to the system are over XML/XSD making use of JMS (Java Messaging System).

- Carried out analysis of technical requirements and impacts for new software developments.
- Development of light version for the PocketPC platform which performed reduced functionality of a number of Java screens using Javascript, HTML, XML/XSL and Webservices through SOAP. I was responsible for much of the initial development including the standard libraries.
- Consultant work with the service team for clients on site in France, Ireland and Finland.

Company: DCI GmbH

Date: June 2002 - August 2004 (26 months, rolling contract)

Position: Software Engineer

DCI GmbH provides a range of eCommerce packages.

- Developed a catalogue viewer package called Trademanager which allowed local access to catalogues, with online facilities for purchasing and catalogue updates. TradeManager is developed in Visual Basic 6 together with the Windows API. Online capabilities used a number of technologies including COM, DCOM, RDS and marshalling. Backend used 'SQL Server'. Catalogue specific layouts using XML / XSL, VBScript. Since this was a package for the public domain, the product had to be compatible with several platforms, and support several browser versions.
- Developed a reduced functionality .NET version of Trademanager which was developed as a prototype in order to promote a migration from VB to .NET

Company: Malta Information Technology and Training Services (M.I.T.T.S.)

Date: Feb 1999 – May 2002

Position: Team Lead / Software Engineer

M.I.T.T.S. is a parastatal company responsible for the provision of all I.T. requirements to the Maltese government.

- I was team leader on 'V.E.R.A.' which is the vehicle registration and licensing system. This was a legacy system written in Informix 4GL with an Informix back-end running on Unix.
- I worked as Team Lead Technical Officer, on the 'Drivers Licenses' system, which was developed in Powerbuilder. I was involved in all stages of the life cycle, from capturing user requirements to implementation and support. Strict adherence to standards imposed by E.U. directives. This also involved a large data migration phase from the legacy Dataflex system, for which I was responsible. Client was working to very strict deadlines, which were ultimately achieved, through rapid prototyping which catered for changing user requirements and prioritising of user requirements in timeboxes within the DSDM framework.

Company: Timewise Computer Services Ltd

Date: Jan 1995 – Jan 1999

Position: Analyst/Software Developer

Timewise Computer Services provides I.T. services to a wide range of clients

- Worked on all stages of development life cycle on a number of projects including payroll, POS, and many bespoke systems. Developed using Dataflex for DOS and Paradox for Windows.
- Training course delivered in Office Automation and Microsoft Office applications

Company: Del Computer Services Ltd

Date: Sept 1991 – Dec 1994

Position: Programmer

Del Computer Services provides I.T. services to a wide range of clients

- Developed many bespoke systems using Dataflex for DOS, and C++.
- Provided technical support on Borland products mainly Borland C++ and Turbo C.

EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS.

1988 - 1991 BSc (Hons) Software Engineering Grade 2.1 Westminster University London
1984 - 1988 Windsor Boys School (3 A-Levels 1 AO-Level 13 O-Levels)

TRAINING

- Enterprise Wide Deployment using Microsoft Transaction Server
- Powerbuilder Introduction & Advanced
- Dynamic Systems Development Method (DSDM) framework
- SQL Optimisation in Oracle