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Objective

To work for a company which fosters quality, innovation and the application of new technologies and which encourages its staff to be creative and to keep learning and evolving on a technical, relational and professional level.

Education

1997 – 2002 Master in Computer Science at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL), Switzerland

Experience

May 2021 - Present Game Developer at Gbanga, Millform AG, Zürich, Switzerland

- Development of video games and augmented reality games for Android, iOS and the Web (.NET, A-Frame, App Store, AR Foundation, C#, Directus, Google Geospatial API, Google Play, JavaScript, Mapbox, performances optimization, surface shaders, three.js, UniRx, Unity). Also helping maintaining the DevOps infrastructure (Jenkins, Xcode) and an inhouse framework for developing video games.
- Know-how transfer in form of courses, workshops and documentation for topics like games performances optimization techniques and asynchronous programming.
- Developed a solution to manage online stored games content that can be dynamically loaded at runtime when required (similar solution to the Unity Addressable Asset System).

March 2019 - April 2021 Game Developer at Staay AG, Zürich, Switzerland

- Development of video games and augmented reality games for Android, iOS and PC.
 Programmed a network engine for real-time multiplayer games. The server runs on PC,
 macOS and Linux. (.NET, .NET Core, App Store, AR Foundation, Burst Compiler, C#, C#
 Job System, Docker, Firebase, GameAnalytics, Google Play, network programming, Unity,
 various performances optimization techniques, Vuforia).
- Created a solution to improve Staay development workflow by automatizing building and deployment of video games on multiple platforms and devices (.NET, .NET Core, C#, fastlane, network programming (TCP/IP), Ruby, Unity Editor customization, Xcode).
- Proactively improving the quality of the development environment, processes and standards. E.g. documented and trained developers on how to work with Gitea (Git repository), defined how to organize Unity projects, extended existing C# coding conventions, made possible to concurrently work on the same Unity scenes and prefabs.

July 2016 – February 2019 Managing Director and Founder at Teambo Tech GmbH, Zürich, Switzerland

July 2016 - July 2018 COO and Co-Founder at Flatmatch GmbH, Zürich, Switzerland

- Responsible for the daily operation of Flatmatch GmbH and for the implementation of company strategies. Involved with finance, human resources and legal aspects.
- In charge of the development, operation and improvement of the Flatmatch App, a mobile application that significantly simplifies the process of finding a suitable shared flat or flatmate. Promoter of Scrum and Kanban.

June 2010 – June 2016 Group Manager at Avanade Schweiz GmbH, Zürich, Switzerland

- Development lead in charge of a software development group (40-50 people), organized in 5 teams located in Bangalore (India) and Rotkreuz (Switzerland), for a Roche software project counting around 80 people. Responsible to deliver FDA compliant software using the Scrum framework and agile practices. Improved the software project's issues tracking process by optimizing planning, tracking and delivery of bug fixes. Improved communication processes and solved multiple conflicts between project members and groups and improved the collaboration between managers.
- Project lead in charge of the upgrade of processes, tools and development environments in use by a Roche multi-departmental team. The main task was to plan and coordinate the work of 5 teams, distributed geographically over Bangalore (India), Bratislava (Slovakia) and Rotkreuz (Switzerland), and to collaborate and synchronize activities with 7 departments' leads and an external supplier (Microsoft). Methodology applied: Kanban.
- Scrum of Scrum lead, responsible for the Product Owners and Scrum Masters of a software development group (100-130 people) comprising 14 teams located in Bangalore (India), Barcelona (Spain) and Rotkreuz (Switzerland), for a Roche software project counting around 240 people. In charge of initiating improvements, optimizing processes and information flow to increase quality and efficiency standards. Teaching agile concepts and practices and coaching project members about agile matters. Furthermore, leading two teams (India and Switzerland) and collaborating with the Roche Rotkreuz IT department to manage the Indian infrastructure and development environment.
- First Product Owner and technical lead, then Scrum Master and build master for a Roche solution used to manage the communication and transformation of data between hospital/laboratory systems and diagnostics instruments. Established the Scrum framework and agile practices when joined the team. Responsible for the ramp-up phase of multiple teams in Switzerland and in Spain (Barcelona). Topics: agile methodologies, software development and technical concepts. Additionally, created branching and versioning strategies used by multiple Roche teams and worked as advisor to optimize the build and release processes' automation of all Roche instruments drivers.
- Scrum Master for a team developing a software framework employed in many Roche's diagnostic instruments projects. Ensured that the Scrum framework and agile practices were understood and followed by the Scrum team and client's management.
- Project manager and technical lead for a rollout data management tool to support Roche
 planning and coordination activities for the worldwide migration of its employees' operating
 systems from Windows XP to Windows 7. Responsible for the team set-up and for
 choosing to apply the Scrum framework. Coached team members about Scrum, agile,
 development, design, architecture and technical concepts.
- Coaching and teaching agile and Scrum methods to Roche, Roche externals and Avanade employees during the whole Avanade career.
- Responsible for the Avanade team working at Roche Rotkreuz and acting as career manager for a few Avanade employees.

August 2008 – March 2010 Project Manager / Technical Lead at OfficeWest AG, Olten, Switzerland

- Project manager in charge of projects based on Microsoft technologies. The tasks included
 the implementation and maintenance of the Scrum framework and agile practices like testdriven development (NCover, NMock, NUnit) and continuous integration
 (CruiseControl.NET, MSBuild, Subversion).
- Technical lead for the .NET team with responsibility for the architectural, design and technological choices. Actively supporting software development activities (.NET, .NET RIA Services, C#, Entity Framework, EL4NET, Expression Blend, FxCop, MSSQL Server,

November 2005 - July 2008 ELCA Informatique SA:

- November 2005 July 2007 Senior Consultant / Technical Expert at ELCA Informatique SA, Geneva and Lausanne, Switzerland
- August 2007 July 2008 Project Manager / Software Architect at ELCA Informatik AG, Zurich, Switzerland
- Consultancy for OfficeWest AG as .NET expert for the transfer of know-how to develop a
 financial application for the SIX Swiss Exchange. Definition of the project architecture,
 teaching of .NET concepts and development of the first prototype (.NET, C#, EL4NET,
 MSSQL Server, NHibernate, WPF). Establishment of the Scrum framework and several
 XP practices in the .NET team.
- Answer of RFPs for projects based on SharePoint. This required mapping SharePoint to client needs and requirements, functional analyses, feasibility studies, proof of concepts, demos and proposal documents for clients like CIO, ICRC, JTI, Nord Stream, Romande Energie and WTO. Support for the development of mock-ups and advisor for technical aspects. Used the Scrum framework for small projects.
- Preparation and teaching of internal workshops on SharePoint 2007. Promotion of the product to ELCA managers and developers to build the internal know-how.
- Creation of technical and functional specification documents for a platform allowing the creation and management, at a world level, of all the Nestlé FoodServices branch's websites. Involved with the development of components integrated into the platform (ASP .NET, C#, SharePoint Designer, SharePoint Server 2007, Windows Workflow Foundation).
- Development of solutions for the computerization of the business processes (workflows) of Sanofi-Aventis. Involved in the evaluation of the existing processes and of the customer requirements to develop a computer model of the workflows by means of the W4 Studio tool. Responsible for the creation, maintenance and software evolutions of the resulting intranet site (ASP.NET, C#, Microsoft SQL Server, workflow engine W4 Engine).

April 2005 - October 2005 Software Engineer at Infotec SA, Geneva, Switzerland

- Extraction of functionalities from the financial analysis product MarketMap to create APIs to be integrated in various third parties' products. The result is a set of "MFC extension DLLs" developed in C++.
- Consolidation and extension of the front-end part of MarketMap (C++, GDI, MFC, Win32).

May 2002 - March 2005 Consultant at blue-infinity SA, Geneva, Switzerland

- Technical Project Manager on web-oriented projects for Patek Philippe and Philip Morris.
 Management of projects and teams for budgets varying from 50k to 250k CHF.
- Development of web applications based on the .NET framework for Philip Morris (ADO .NET, ASP .NET, C#, LLBLGen, Microsoft SQL Server).
- Evaluation and integration of state of the art technologies into innovative projects and solutions. This led to the development of applications for Handheld PCs running on Windows CE (C++, DirectShow, GDI, Win32) and to feasibility studies of wireless solutions for mobile phones (Java Micro Edition), Handheld PCs and Pocket PCs.
- Responsible for the creation of reflex and ability games and presentation tools for Philip Morris and Japan Tobacco International (Flash, Macromedia Director).

September 2001 – February 2002 Developer at The Fantastic Corporation R & D SA, Manno, Switzerland

 Development of algorithms and mathematical formulas to deploy proxy server networks (C++, MFC, probability and queuing theories, TCP and UDP/IP, Win32).

Languages Italian: mother tongue

French: excellent knowledge
English: very good knowledge
German: very good knowledge

Management skills

Agile methodologies (Kanban, Nexus, Scrum, Scrum@Scale, XP), change and continuous improvement agent, conflict management, delivery lead, leadership, multisite development (on, near and offshore), people management, problem solving, project management

Computer knowledge

Cloud: Azure

Databases: Microsoft SQL Server

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Frameworks: .NET, .NET Core, ASP.NET, ASP.NET Core, ASP.NET MVC, ASP.NET MVC, ASP.NET Web API, Bootstrap, MVVM Light, Silverlight, Xamarin

Languages: Assembler (various processors and multimedia instruction sets like MMX, SSE, IA-64), C, C++, C#, CSS, HTML, JavaScript, Lisp, Sass

Libraries: DirectX, log4net, Mapbox, OpenGL, Open Inventor, SignalR, Simple Injector, STL

Microsoft Software: Azure DevOps, FxCop, Office 365, StyleCop, Team Foundation Server (TFS), Visual Studio (6.0 to 2022), Visual Studio App Center, Visual Studio Code

Operating systems: Windows (9x to 11), Windows Server (2000 to 2012), Unix, Linux, OS X, macOS

ORM: Entity Framework, LLBLGen, NHibernate

Security: ethical hacking

Software: Adobe XD, Android Studio, Confluence, CruiseControl.NET, DevPartner Studio, Director, Directus, dotPeek, Gimp, Git, Gitea, HP Quality Center and ALM, Inkscape, Jira, Notepad++, NSIS, Pencil, ReSharper, Rider, Sourcetree, Subversion, WiX, Xcode

Software development: application lifecycle management, continuous integration, pair-programming, refactoring, test-driven development

Software modelling: design patterns, UML

Stores: Google Play, Apple App Store

Video game-specific: A-Frame, AR Foundation, Burst Compiler, C# Job System, GameAnalytics, Google Geospatial API, multiple game performances optimization techniques, surface shaders, three.js, UniRx, Unity game engine (5 to 2021), Vuforia

Technologies: fastlane, MSBuild, webpack, Windows Communication Foundation (WCF), Windows Presentation Foundation (WPF), XAML

Unit and integration testing: Microsoft Unit Test Framework, Mog, NUnit

Virtualization: Docker, Hyper-V, Oracle VM VirtualBox

Certifications Certified ScrumMaster

Professional Scrum Master I

Professional Scrum Developer I

Professional Scrum with Kanban I

Certified Avanade Scrum Developer

Certified Avanade Scrum Project Manager

Microsoft Certified Technology Specialist (Microsoft Office SharePoint Server 2007 -

Configuration)