

Curriculum Vitae

Personal Information:

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Career:

IBM – Client Technical Specialist

December 2014 – Present

Key Responsibilities:

- POWER8 Architecture Specialist
- Creator of innovative client-specific solutions through the exploration of new technologies on the POWER platform
- UKI Leader of the IBM Innovation Community and chief coordinator of nationwide IBM Design Thinking sessions
- Presenter at Linux Con on Open Power; presenter at The Systems Technical University, Prague on Chef
- Nominated for Target Jobs Graduate of the Year 2015
- Received a Manager's Choice award for designing and building an online community for the IBM Systems graduates across Europe

Accenture – Software Engineer

July – December 2014

Key Responsibilities:

- Application deployment automation for a variety of software packages, specifically utilising Chef and Docker
- Developed solutions to automatically deploy customers applications
- Completion of ITIL certification

Technocamps/College of Science – Workshop Development Assistant

September 2012 – June 2014

Key Responsibilities:

- Development of computer science workshops for 11-19 year olds
- Leader of programming workshops and computer science classes

General Electric – Software Engineering Intern

July 2013 – October 2013

Key Responsibilities:

- Creation of Python scripts to control the behaviour of various commands within the version management system
- I ensured that the information release dashboard conformed to company standards, using HTML, JavaScript and PHP

- I gained experience of continuous integration and agile development techniques through working in a scrum team

Education and Training:

University of Swansea

October 2011 – July 2014

Computer Science, BSc First Class Honours

University of Surrey

October 2008 – December 2009

Certificate of Higher Education, Chemistry

Queen Mary's College, Basingstoke

September 2006 – July 2008

A Level Biology – C

A Level Physics – C

A Level Chemistry – C

AS Mathematics – B

AS Psychology – C

Harrow Way Community School, Andover

September 2001 – June 2006

9 GCSEs – Grades A-C

Key Skills:

Technical Orientation – I have extensive experience of HTML, JavaScript, PHP, Python, Perl, Java, C, C++ , .NET and SQL. I am particularly motivated by the challenge of finding higher-level solutions to business problems. At university, I participated in a 30 hour charity 'hackathon' run by Ambition Lab and CISCO. I produced a custom search engine that allowed young people to locate relevant employment opportunities in their area. I won the Swansea regional challenge and a software engineer asked to buy my company name because he was impressed by the real-world potential of the product.

Effective Communication – I have confidence in my communication skills in all situations and to a variety of audiences, whether this is to teach, to explain, to negotiate or to make formal presentations. I demonstrate this during my frequent presentations at technology conferences to international audiences, and also through leading IBM Innovation Community sessions.

Teamwork - For the duration of my internship at GE I was a member of the Build team, responsible for ensuring that all software releases were on schedule. My role with Technocamps regularly involved working collaboratively with colleagues to develop new workshop content, such as our new iOS workshop, which allowed students to design and produce applications for the iOS platform.