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Professional Profile

Focused. Driven. Proactive. PowerShell Expert with 18+ years in IT infrastructure, specifically End User Services, Automation, PowerShell, Pester, SCCM, Office 365 and Azure. Known for a personable approach to clients and co-workers, adds value by taking responsibility, solving problems and sourcing opportunities to promulgate companies' success. Strong aptitude and desire to identify and automate repeatable tasks.

Key Skills

Good understanding of SCCM Infrastructure - Boundaries, Site Server Roles & Parent/Child Relationships in Troubleshooting SCCM Issues ● PowerShell ● Pester ● Git ● GitHub ● Office 365 ● Azure ● Excellent Knowledge in SCCM 2012 & Current Branch ● MDT ● Intune ● Vagrant ● Visual Studio 2015 ● Hyper-V ● VMware Workstation ● VirtualBox ● Chocolatey ● Windows XP/7/8.1/10, Server 2003/2008/R2/2012/R2/2016 ● Active Directory ● Writing SQL Reports ● Networking Concepts ● DevOps tools VSTS/TFS

Key Highlights

Published articles on PowerShell.org: https://powershell.org/2016/08/11/a-date-with-powershell/

Co-founded & organised sponsorship for UK South Coast PowerShell Group – grown to 15 core users (2017)

Created PowerShell Blog to communicate, enhance and share expertise in PowerShell Automation

PowerShell Developer – Specsavers: Used PowerShell to save significantly on time (automating processes) & money (bringing in trainers) including:

- Created GUI with PowerShell code to perform tasks in Office 365
- Input large numbers of users into Azure AD & Office 365 into designated areas with PowerShell code

Senior Infrastructure Consultant - Bournemouth University:

- Developed PowerShell script that automated setting bios configuration to desired values on HP desktops, saving an initial week's work and as well as time taken to conduct continuous checks
- For annual rebuilding of all machines, created zero-touch solution with PowerShell to invoke time-set task sequence, preventing need for engineers to rebuild PCs & enabling more machines to be rebuilt at once

Senior Infrastructure Engineer - The Automobile Association (AA):

- Full accountability for AA's PC software and hardware estate, specifically Mobile Patrols IT infrastructure
- During large upgrade of all machines from Windows XP to 8.1, created a PowerShell script that automated process & hardened build to meet compliance significantly reduced data compromise & impact to project
- Roll out of a business-critical tablet to home installation engineers within 2 weeks created a portable solution using PowerShell, making incremental savings on 3rd party involvement

Career History

Apr – Sep 2017 PowerShell Developer (Contract) | Specsavers

PowerShell developer and windows automation specialist within Office 365 project.

- Developed tools in PowerShell to automate / simplify account management processes within: Azure AD; a multi-domain Active Directory forest; Exchange online; Office 365; SharePoint Online
- Implemented business processes in code to support account lifecycle management & role management
- Developed a graphical user interface in PowerShell to host tools and scripts
- Developed unit testing using Pester to help ensure code can be updated

Aug 2016 – Apr 2017 Senior Infrastructure Consultant (Contract) | Bournemouth University

Automation and SCCM specialist for Windows desktop project, within the Windows desktop team responsible for building, managing and supporting Windows throughout the university.

- Created customised reports in SCCM utilising SQL/SQL reporting services to assist desktop inventory
- Developed PowerShell scripts for DCM compliance evaluation/remediation
- Reviewed Best Practice documentation and transferred knowledge for new implementations
- Created zero-touch solution with PowerShell to invoke a task sequence at a required time
- Created Windows 10 build image using MDT for deployment in SCCM
- Upgraded SCCM 2012 to latest current branch version

Oct 2014 – Aug 2016 Senior Infrastructure Engineer | The Automobile Association (AA)

Senior Infrastructure Consultant within the Release Management team which built, managed and supported an SCCM infrastructure of 10,000 devices.

- Used PowerShell for automating and monitoring numerous SCCM administrative tasks
- Provided technical expertise for Windows 8.1 migration, package & application configuration/deployment strategies, operating system deployment, and site hierarchy configuration settings - developed PowerShell code to support an essential 20-year-old application, saving significant amounts on developers
- Performed SCCM Upgrade, used PowerShell to enhance functionality in SCCM, and installed and configured Windows Server 2012 for SCCM
- Documented SCCM architecture and build process; created support documentation
- Administered Intune for device management and delivery of applications and integration with SCCM

Jan – Oct 2014 Client Engineer - Modernisation Project | B&Q / Kingfisher

Secondment to facilitate £10 million desktop modernisation programme.

- Utilised LANDesk Management Suite and LANDesk Security Management Suite to manage/maintain desktops; test, schedule and distribute packages; and create Endpoint Protection Policy management
- Maintained Windows 7, 8 and 8.1 images using ImageX and DISM tools
- Created software packages encompassing scripting with batch files and PowerShell

Feb 2007 – Jan 2014 Senior Client Infrastructure Analyst | B&Q / Kingfisher

3rd line Microsoft Windows client infrastructure and support Analyst, managing ad-hoc software installation, rebuilds, user queries and requests, troubleshooting desktops, laptops and servers as well as network issues including LAN/WAN, VLANs TCP/IP/DNS, WINS, DHCP and VPN.

Jun 2001 – Feb 2007 Retail Application Senior Support | B&Q

2nd Line IT support for UK B&Q stores including Windows and UNIX issues escalated from Service Desk.

Professional Training and Certifications

Implementing Microsoft Azure Infrastructure Solutions (M20533) ● Microsoft Azure Fundamentals (M10979) ● Implementing Microsoft Azure Infrastructure Solutions (70-533) (Dec 2017) ● Microsoft Certified Technology Specialist (MCTS): Administering and Deploying System Center 2012 Configuration Manager ● Administering System Center 2012 Configuration Manager (M10747) ● Windows 7, Enterprise Desktop Support Technician Course ● Bytes Fundamentals of Windows Server 2008 Course ● LANDesk Training Course: Overview of Fundamentals, Patching, Deployment & AV Management ● ITIL: Overview of Widely-Adopted Approach to IT Service Management ● GNVQ Level 3: Advanced Information Technology and Intermediate Technology