

# Curriculum Vitae

## Wesley White MAAT

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### **About Myself**

After nearly 10 years in the accounting profession I found a passion for technology and seeing how it can transform lives through automation, which has led to me to want to shift focus from the numbers and to be able to support those who can build those transformative software by implementing the infrastructure and services to be able to make that happen. I am at my best when able to talk strategy and understanding client's requirements but still maintain an excellent level of detail to create the best solution for the client.

### **Professional Certifications**

e-Careers	Comptia Cloud+	Mar 2021
e-Careers	AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner	May 2021
e-Careers	AWS Certified Solutions Architect Associate	Oct 2021
e-Careers	AgilePM Foundation	Aug 2021
Hashicorp	Terraform Associate	Dec 2021
BPP	AAT Level 4	2019
UX Design Institute	Certified UX Designer	2020

### **Education**

Chesham Grammar School	3 A Levels incl. Maths at grade B	2012
Amersham School	7 GCSE's A*-C	2010

### **Technical Skills**

- Daily use Linux as main operating system including moderate use of the command line to update system packages and run basic commands such as SSH into other machines
- Competent in HTML and CSS with basic JavaScript experience including running an API on a custom webpage hosted on AWS CloudFront
- Competent with Windows and can perform basic maintenance with command prompt and powershell, familiar and experienced with Remote Desktop Connection

### **Personal Skills**

- Able to work both individually or as part of a team to deliver the client requirements effectively
- Committed to providing the best solutions for the client
- Able to break down high level client requirements into the individual pain points and therefore able to suggest and implement the right solution
- Friendly and highly adaptable to the situation in hand
- I am a quick learner and always willing to try different approaches

### **Achievements**

- Successfully migrated the accounting function for an international call centre company to the cloud accounting package Xero across 7 countries and ran training for their UK and Phillipines operations
- Black Belt in Northern Shaolin Chin Wu Kung Fu
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in BCCMA National Championship for Kung Fu
- BCCMA National Championship Good Sportsman Award
- Participated in the Queen's Golden Jubilee Procession

## **Personal Projects**

### **Current Projects**

- Hosting FOSS software such as Diagrams.net using ECS Fargate to create an all-in-one workflow management suite for myself self-hosted with AWS to enable better control of my data
- Implement visitor counters in my webpages using Lambda, API Gateway and DynamoDB to explore how the applications work in conjunction
- Creating data insights on website metrics using CloudWatch and QuickSight to help with SEO metrics
- Comparing CloudFormation and Terraform to see how both compare and identify use cases for each
- Exploring hybrid storage using AWS Storage Gateway with an on-premises server to operate as an off site backup for crucial data as well as for archiving purposes
- Created a Lambda function to demonstrate how to automate the folder structure of objects uploaded to an S3 bucket to allow for easier recall and further automation based on certain metrics (i.e. file type)

### **E-Careers and Optima**

- Mentor in the Optima and e-Careers AWS Academy
- Help students with AWS exam preparation for both CCP and Solutions Architect exams
- Training students on labs including creating a web server using EC2 and increasing availability by building in a load balancer and auto scaling group

### **Upskilling**

- Working towards the Terraform Associate, AWS Security Specialty and Solutions Architect Professional Exams

## **Career History**

### **Cloud Accounting Specialist**

**Hillier Hopkins LLP**

**Feb 2017 – Present**

- Oversaw the Sublime bookkeeping entity, building out the systems and processes to be able to support a growing service list and client requirements
- Oversaw all app advisory services within the firm, including moving clients from legacy desktop applications to cloud accounting software such as Xero. This included scoping and designing solutions for the client from initial conversations, completing the migration and conducting all post-live support including training and follow up advisory as needs changed
- Advised and trained both clients and staff members on new ways of working using automation at the core of the finance function to eliminate manual entry and therefore allow greater accuracy and analytics
- Developed and implemented the firm's response to the CBILS loan scheme as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic to allow quick access to cash flow finance for our clients

### **Trainee Accountant**

**SJD Accountancy**

**Aug 2014 – Feb 2017**

- Designed and implemented an automatic IR35 calculation spreadsheet for those caught by IR35 regulation for easier processing and to remove manual entry

### **Junior Accountant**

**Thomas Cox & Co**

**Jan 2013 – Jul 2014**

## **Interests and Hobbies**

- In my spare time I am an avid follower of motorsport, including Formula 1, Formula E and Indycar amongst others
- I enjoy cooking in the evenings and finding new recipes to try out
- I am always looking out for new FOSS software to experiment with and improve my usage of Linux
- I am always keen to try and build something new and make my own, from guitars to mechanical keyboards to websites

References available on request