
Eaves Dropping Protection in Conclave

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A TENDER DOCUMENT FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE
CSIR EAVES DROPPING PROTECTION IN CONCLAVE PROJECT

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Summary



I am a very driven person with very clear goals in terms of my career as

well as my personal life. I believe in honesty above all else and making a valuable contribution towards society. In my opinion, one of the greatest injustices that can be done by man, is refusing to pass on what one has learnt and experienced, for without this happening there can be no progress. My dream is to be remembered for the feats that I had accomplished in my lifetime. I am extremely passionate about

technology, specifically software development, which is the reason why I chose to study Computer Science at a tertiary level. I am particularly fond of new challenges that test my abilities allowing for growth, self-improvement and the improvement of others. My family and friends are an extremely important factor in my life and I would see them proud of the man that I am, and want to be.

Experience

Barone, Budge & Dominick (Pty) Ltd

Bursar

BBD implements and maintains complex business systems. A customer with a requirement for custom software, which must fit into their business, and must meet the business goals approaches BBD with the goal in mind of obtaining a software solution thereof.

HOUGHTON ESTATE, JOHANNESBURG

Jan'15 – present

University of Pretoria, Computer Science Department

Teaching Assistant

As a teaching assistant for Data Structures and Algorithms, Netcentric Computer Systems and Software Modelling it is expected of one to have a good understanding of design patterns, general algorithm implementations and data structures in the Computer Science field as well as knowledge of web development and other networking related software development.

HATFIELD, PRETORIA

Jul'14 – present

Dynamic Visual Technologies

Junior Software Developer

DVT is a software development and related services business. They build, implement and support software, and provide those services that ensure business concepts are clear, that practical needs are met, and that software is written to specifications.

HYDE PARK, JOHANNESBURG

Nov '14 – Jan'15

Technical Skills

Technical expertise: Software design and implementation. Big fan of Agile methodologies. I regularly utilise Java/C++, yet flirt regularly with C#. Proper knowledge of web technologies: HTML+CSS, XML, .NET, REST and JavaScript (including WebGL). Elementary knowledge of Artificial Intelligence related methods, such as optimisation problems.

Natural languages: Afrikaans (*mother tongue*), English (*full professional proficiency*), French (*elementary proficiency*).

Interests

Non-exhaustive: Online gaming, running, music, reading, travel, foreign cultures, most things French related, cooking, open source movements, software development.

Non - Technical Strengths

Social skills: I believe myself to be a rather "likeable" person, meaning I am very seldom found to be antagonistic towards others. I am a people person. I enjoy meeting and spending time with new and interesting people.

Professional skills: In a professional working environment I strive to be a very punctual, concise and informed individual. My approach towards professionalism relies on the concepts of honesty, determination, perseverance and most of all proper communication.

Why CSIR Eaves Dropping Protection?

Because: I am very interested in mobile development, particularly for Android devices. I feel this project is very applicable to modern day life and can actually make a difference in people's lives. Privacy is a very big issue in modern times, and it is something that I care a great deal about.

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Summary



I am first and foremost career-driven. My primary aspirations in life are reaching for the highest branches of my career and having a healthy family lifestyle. While enjoying all aspects of life as a student, I still strive to always consider my future suc-

cesses in society and the impact that any actions I commit may have on others as a result. Whilst acknowledging that it is necessary to help others to the best of my ability in advancing their own lives, I take a larger interest in ensuring a secure, comfortable lifestyle for myself. The technological environment has captivated my interest from a very young age and my fixation on developing technology that will help the human race in experiencing a more enjoyable life is a testament to that. It is through software development that I hope to leave my legacy in this world, since I see this as the most ef-

fective way for myself to leave this world in a better state than I found it. I am eager to tackle new challenges and pride myself on the fact that I am always able to find a solution to a problem. It is for this reason that I can describe my approach to programming using the expression "Where there is a will, there is a way". Although I am confident of my abilities as a software developer, I respect the fact that there are people who have a much broader knowledge of the field than I do and am willing to learn from these people in order to further my own experience.

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HOUGHTON ESTATE, JOHANNESBURG

Jan'13 – present

Technical Skills

Technical expertise: Software development aspects including software design patterns, data algorithms and programming fundamentals (Novice). I have experience in Delphi (4 years), Java (3 years), C# (3 years), C++ (1 year) and SQL (2 years). I also have a wealth of experience with web technologies such as HTML, XML, and JavaScript (Angular, NodeJS, BootStrap, jQuery). Additionally, I have a moderate knowledge of various Artificial Intelligence concepts and an extensive experience in Information System modelling.

Natural languages: English (*mother tongue*), Afrikaans (*full professional proficiency*), Greek (*elementary proficiency*).

Interests

Non-exhaustive: Technology, Sports (Rugby), Socialising, Outdoors, Gaming, Travelling

Non - Technical Strengths

Social skills: I am a person who has a witty sense of humour. I see myself as the forerunner of my group of friends and am always keen to organise a get-together at my place of residence. In terms of meeting new people, I portray my true self because I believe in always being who I am, and I have been in contact with many different kinds of people so I have a good understanding of communication with most people.

Professional skills: I always try my best to be punctual and to have work completed by the deadline as this is the only way a group will be able to complete a project effectively and I like to consider actions carefully in conflict situations rather than force my own ideas upon others.

Why CSIR Eaves Dropping Protection?

Because: For every person involved in IT, malware is a dark interest. I have always been interested in creating malware but only to be able to help people understand how to avoid it. I also want to learn more about mobile app development and so I see this project as a good opportunity to broaden my knowledge within the software development sector, and also to create a product that very well could become useful to businesses around the world.

1 Project Execution

1.1 Ideas and Technologies

1.1.1 Technologies to be Used

After due consideration and taking into account the received requirements, the following technologies will possibly be used:

In order to develop the back end of the system (API and Web Server):

- NodeJS
Node JS is a very popular web server hosting technology at this moment due to its reliability, scalability and speed.
- Express Framework
This framework will be used in conjunction with Node JS.
- JavaScript front-end frameworks such as Bootstrap
This will be utilised for the GUI of the web server - simplistic, concise yet professional.

For the mobile app:

- Xamarin or Android Studio
The decision has yet to be made on whether the C# Xamarin approach will be used or the traditional Java in Android Studio approach, to develop an Android application. One of these two will however reign supreme.
- Near Field Communication (NFC)
NFC is a very important part of this project. Luckily it is not necessary to reinvent the wheel. NFCTools is a collection of libraries and tools for NFC in Java. The targeted devices are desktop Reader/Writer and Android smart phones. These libraries are open source and available for use in a project such as ours.

1.1.2 Implementation Ideas

The project, from a development point of view, can be regarded as consisting of three individual parts.

1. Malware component
Since malware should technically not be known to the user as being installed, some research will need to be done on how to hide an app from a user, as well as getting the malware installed on the user's device without the user's proper consent and knowledge.
2. Android App using NFC Component
The most challenging part of this component will most probably be the NFC interaction and user identification.
3. Web Server / GUI Component
In order for the android app to communicate with the server, some sort of hosting solution will need to be investigated. There are however many freely available service for Node hosting.

1.1.3 Project Extension Ideas

The following was considered as possible future extensions on the current project specifications:

- Direct upload to server
Instead of the malware sending the voice recording by email, one could perhaps use a server using some form of encryption and a very specific communication protocol which would then deter authorities to send fake data to the receiver in order to catch the culprit. One could perhaps disguise it in the form of something that looks quite normal, like uploading it to DropBox.

1.2 Deliverables

1. Developed Mobile Application
2. Developed Mobile Malware
3. Developed Web Server
4. Any additional functionality group wishes to add