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SUMMARY

Suresh Harikrishnan is a software developer with over 9 years of experience. He considers himself a generalist having worked at different roles in various languages and technologies including JAVA, .NET, C and dynamic languages like Ruby and Clojure. His expertise lies in building applications for the web and has worked on building products as well as consulting and solving specific problems for customers. Suresh is hands on and has been an advocate of agile methodologies and extreme programming. Suresh considers himself a budding entrepreneur and has been involved in founding a startup called YourHires.com.

EXPERIENCE

DEVELOPER, THOUGHTWORKS INDIA PVT. LTD.   2004 - TILL DATE

ThoughtWorks is a consulting company specializing in custom software development. During my tenure at ThoughtWorks, i have worked in various projects involving various technologies and languages including .NET, Java and C. Currently playing the role of a senior developer and some of the responsibilities/activities include

1. Design and implement various features and bug fixes and writing automated tests.

2. Influence the design of the features both at functional level as well as architecture and code levels.

3. Mentor and pair with other developers on various aspects and particularly TDD, good object design and other good design and coding principles.

4. Collaborate with analysts and testers about features, slicing the features into smaller chunks for development and testing and help in automation testing.

5. Participate in planning at both iteration and release levels and provide inputs.

6. Played the role of a consultant in a few projects, helping the client in bringing best practices and agile methodologies to their software development teams and

7. Code, code and write a lot of code.

CO-FOUNDER, YOURHIRES.COM   2008-2009

I was the founding member of Yourhires.com, a startup focussed on building the tools for recruitment teams of people focussed companies. As a co-founder, i was involved in ideation, creating the product, putting together a team and in sales efforts. The startup has currently been shelved.

The product was built on Ruby on Rails platform.

DEVELOPER/PRODUCT MANAGEMENT, THOUGHTWORKS STUDIOS   2006-2007

I was the founding member of a new product development , called Twist. Twist is an integrated testing environment. It is the testing equivalent of IDEs for developers. Twist brings together the different roles involved in developing a software - Business Analysts/Customers, Testers and Developers. My role in this project involved:

1. Hands on development of new features, fixing bugs, automating tests.

2. Spiked a lot of different technologies to understand the scope and challenges of the product and its various features.

3. Played an active role in product management - facilitated discussions on features, facilitated usability tests.

The product is built as a set of features and plugins over the Eclipse platform.

SOFTWARE ENGINEER, COMPUTER ASSOCIATES   2003-2004
Worked on a product called Enterprise Job Management. My role was primarily a developer. The product was a Java swing based web application that integrated a couple of other job management. Some highlights during my short stint at CA includes a) came up with a feature called workspaces for the product, which was later patented b) introduced Continuous Integration to the team c) participating actively in recruitment activities d) involved in designing interview processes for developer roles

SOFTWARE ENGINEER, CORDYS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED   2000-2003
Worked on several products at Cordys. Most of the products were based on a custom built SOA middleware.Some of the highlights from my work at Cordys includes a) Played lead developer in the development of a handheld software written in C for Microsoft Windows CE b) Learning about TDD and introducing Continuous Integration c) Developed a J2EE connector for BAAN ERP.

EDUCATION
Pondicherry Engineering College, Pondicherry University — Bachelor of Technology, Electrical and Electronics Engineering

SKILLS

1. Polyglot programmer with a very good understanding of Java, Ruby and a fairly good knowledge of Javascript, Clojure, C# and C. Has also done a little of various other languages including Erlang, Prolog and Python.
2. Understands REST fairly well.
3. Fairly good knowledge of various web technologies.
4. Knows writing good code in a TDD style.
5. Understands quite well about extreme programming and the principles behind Agile Methodology.
6. Quite well informed about various technology trends.
7. Contribute in various roles.

REFERRALS
Available upon request