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Summary

I am an enthusiatic software architect and programmer with 13 years experience, looking for interesting work, and talented people to work with.

Education

BSc (Hons) 1st class, Computer Science with Industrial Experience
University of Manchester (1995 - 1999)

4 A-levels including Computer Science (A) and Mathematics (B)
Westbourne High School, Ipswich

10 GCSEs
Westbourne High School, Ipswich

Employment History

Corelogic Ltd
Architect and Developer, March 2003 – Current
Corelogic are a leading provider of social care systems. Since I joined, Corelogic have progressed from 1 to 40+ customers, including over a third of London boroughs.

I joined Corelogic as one of three Java developers, hired to turn a Visual Basic application with a single customer, into a web based Java Enterpise Application (Frameworki) to take the company forward.

I quickly took a lead on the development, using my knowledge gained at Quidnunc, to build a well structured, flexible and maintainable system, all within a year to secure our second customer and gain an edge in the market.

Since that initial delivery, the functional and architectural requirements placed on Frameworki have grown beyond anything we imagined when the project started. However, we have been able to adapt, and are still outdoing our competition on new contracts.

More recently I have been involved in developing Corelogic's successor to Frameworki, with the aim of building on Frameworki's success and taking the company through the next 10 years.

As the development team grew from 3 to over 30 across 3 offices, I took the role of Technical Lead and eventually Architect where my resoponsibilities included the following:

- Writing and reviewing code
- Making and reviewing technology choices
- Communicating the overall architecture to the development team
- Setting up processes around code quality
- Setting up and maintaining a build system, continuous integration process and branching and release strategy
- Mentoring less experienced developers, and leading a learning programme
- Hiring new staff
- Responding to sales tenders
- Organising drinks on Fridays

Technologies: Java, JEE, Spring, Spring MVC, Struts, Toplink, MyBatis, Javascript, JQuery, HTML, CSS, Toplink, Ant, Ivy, JUnit, TestNG, Hudson/Jenkins, SVN, Git, SQL, Oracle, SQLServer, Linux

Quidnunc Ltd
Senior Developer, September 1999 – December 2002
Quidnunc were a software consultancy during the dot com boom, offering ecommerce, intranet and CRM solutions across various sectors, including retail, media, law, insurance, investment banking and telecoms.

I worked as a developer and eventually as technical lead on various projects, providing technical leadership for all phases of development, working with customers and providing training after delivery.

Technologies: Java, J2EE, Struts, SQL, Perl, Javascript, HTML, CSS, Ant, Oracle

ICL (Industrial Placement)
Trainee Developer, August 1997 – August 1998
As part of my degree I spent a year at ICL, where I worked in the performance team at their West Gorton offices in Manchester. During this time I was involved with running benchmarks against new hardware, and fixing small bugs in virtual memory management software using the S3 systems programming language.

Hobbies and interests

Photography
I've been interested in photography since school, I've entered a few competitions, and even won a couple.

Cycling
I enjoy cycling, both to work, and exlporing London when I find the time.

Pubs
I'm a big fan of pubs, and hanging out with friends in them.

Programming
Over the last couple of years, I have redisovered programming as a hobby. In particular I have enjoyed learning about different programming languages (C, C++, Lisp, Smalltalk, Python, Ruby and Haskell) both through reading about them, and by writing something with them.

I am also interested in the world of free and open source software, and have a few pet projects of my own which can be found on my website and my github account, along with my adventures in various programming languages:

Website: http://www.boothj5.com

Github: http://github.com/boothj5