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Profile

I am an enthusiastic and hard working individual, always keen to try new things and gain more experience. Having recently retrained in Software Engineering and graduating in 2013 and making the move away from business management, I am keen to get stuck into anything that comes my way.

Currently working as a Software Engineer for WANdisco, I also have a strong management background with 5 ~ 10 years previous experience in various management roles.

Experience

Software Engineer, WANdisco, Belfast – 2014 - Present

Working as a Java Software Engineer on both our SVN and Git based products. working in an agile styled development team, take part in daily stand ups, coding fixes in java and bash, code reviews and testing fixes. Work with linux on a daily basis.

Since December I am currently on short secondment to the QA Department, where I am managing a team of automation engineers we employ in South America to automate our testing on 2 of our products. Duties here include holding weekly meetings, designing sprints, time and resource management, team training, debugging and advising on technical issues, reporting on issues and end of sprint retrospectives.

QA Test Engineer, WANdisco, Belfast - 2013 - 2014

Worked as a QA Test Engineer on one of our Subversion ALM products. During this time gained experience in using a mixture of manual, exploratory and automated testing practices.

As part of an agile team I attended daily product stand ups. Raised Jira's from bugs found through testing, wrote and advised on new tests. Spent 3 months managing a 4 person team of developers based in Chennai, India. The Indian team was managed on a daily basis, using web chats. Other duties involved code reviews and troubleshooting testing issues.

Branch Manager, Harry Corry, Belfast – 2008 - 2013

General management. I started with the company as an Assistant Manager and worked my way up to Branch Manager, before deciding to retrain into a different field.

Duties included: writing rota's, staff training, motivating, cash-handling, key holder, all general admin duties - filing, faxing, photocopying, ordering stock, ordering stationary etc, hiring new staff, disciplining, absence records and merchandising stock.

Education

University of Ulster (Studied through Belfast Metropolitan College) 2011 – 2013

Foundation Degree Software Engineering. 2:1

John Moore's University Liverpool (Studied through Bangor College) 2005 – 2007

BA (hons) Business Management with Marketing. 2:2

South Eastern Regional College - (Bangor) 2003 – 2005

HNC Business Management. Pass with merit

Skills

Programming Languages include: Java and Bash primarily, but also some Selenium and expectJ through test automation work.

Technologies and software used include: Subversion, Git, Apache, Ant, Maven, Jenkins, Crucible, Jira, TestRail, VirtualBox, confluence, Vagrant, Puppet

Personal Projects

Currently I am experimenting with a Raspberry PI. The Aim is to create a personal website or blog, and host it from the Raspberry PI from home. After this is completed I would like to do some development in Android Apps.

Hobbies

Interests include: Fly-Fishing, Hiking, Climbing, Gym and Films.

References

References available upon request.

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If you need any further information please do not hesitate to ask.