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Experience

Houston, TX

Python Applications Developer

10/2015 – present

* Help set development standards in areas of best practices, code quality, test coverage, monitoring, logging, exception management, and others
* Become proficient in Python, and the Athena platform’s NoSql OO database, graph-oriented development model and developer toolset
* Perform unit testing and system integration testing of the newly developed functionality
* Create technical design recommendations for developing and integrating programs per written specifications
* Conduct code reviews on components and applications to ensure adherence to the development standards and best practices
* Improve SDLC
* Integrate various systems to improve efficiency

Los Angeles, CA

Python Application Developer

02/2013 – 08/2015

* Execute change management activities supporting production deployment to Developers, Quality Control Analysts, and Environment Management personnel
* Knowledge of software development life cycle and agile development practices
* Strong knowledge of Spring frameworks and leveraging distributed data caching frameworks
* Provide guidance and oversight to development teams across Capital technology
* Working with production support teams to ensure smooth transition of software developed
* Develop code for intermediate to complex modules, following documentation and development standards
* Work with the development team to facilitate the Build effort and to ensure successful end-to-End integration / testing

Chicago, IL

Python

12/2005 – 09/2012

* Work with production support teams to ensure smooth transition of software developed
* Work in an environment which encourages and promotes personal development
* Provide design recommendations, developing and integrating programs per high level specifications
* Liaise with other teams and providers
* Be an active part of a larger internal open source community of developers at Hearst
* Developing a world-class, machine learning-driven recommendation and personalization system to match our users with jobs
* Understand the project scope, identify activities/ tasks, task level estimates, schedule, dependencies, risks and provide inputs to Module Lead for review

Education

Bachelor’s Degree in Computer Science

Kent State University

Skills

* Front-office/risk management business knowledge as well as Knowledge of financial instrument features and trade processing would be a definite
* Strong analytical ability
* Able to react quickly and perform well under stress and high demand
* Working Excel knowledge including VBA, pivot tables, formulas
* Proven strong experience with databases ( columnar, nosql and RDMS ) and good SQL skills
* Willingness to take ownership of tasks and the ability to work on their own initiative while being a strong team player
* Excellent verbal and written communication skills, able to communicate accurately, concisely and with tact and diplomacy when appropriate
* Develop a good understanding of End to End business processes and the associated technical blocks
* Equities business knowledge is an advantage but other relevant experience in other business areas is welcomed
* The ability to work under pressure within agreed timelines and to support multiple tasks in parallel