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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Information Technology,

Madras University, Chennai, India

May 2004

A Senior Java Lead/Engineer with 20+ years of comprehensive experience in software architecture, design, and implementation. Specializing in iDEAL (WERO), Mobility, AWS, Azure, DevOps, Cloud Deployment, Mobile Payments, SEPA/OPF frameworks and CI/CD processes. Expert in Agile methodologies with extensive hands-on expertise in architecting and leading the backend development of Payments Domain Ecosystem, microservices architecture and cloud technologies. Proven ability to drive innovation and scalability, particularly within banking & financial sectors, with additional experience in the healthcare domain.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Java Full Stack Developer March 2015 – Present



Cognizant, Amsterdam, NL

- Built and deployed scalable Spring Boot APIs for parking and Rabo apps, integrating with Senses framework(Angular/React), and managed production deployments on Cloud Foundry and Azure App Services.
- Automated infrastructure setup using Azure DevOps CI/CD Pipelines, integrated with Azure Key Vault and Managed Identities for secure cloud-native development.
- Built non-blocking, reactive microservices using Spring WebFlux in Java/Kotlin and Project Reactor, improving throughput and resource utilization under high load.
- Led database migration initiatives using Azure Data Factory, enabling seamless transition of enterprise-grade workloads to Azure SQL Database and Cosmos DB with minimal downtime..
- Led the cloud architecture principles and implementation of iDEAL (WERO) User Profile Management, collaborating with cross-functional teams to build a scalable dashboard for user profile management.
- Configured real-time monitoring and observability with Dynatrace,
 Splunk, and Azure Application Insights, improving incident response times and system reliability in production
- Integrated SignalFx for real-time SLO dashboards, anomaly detection
 auto-notification to DevTeam based on threshold.
- Designed and implemented robust integration and contract test suites using Karate, JUnit, and WireMock, enabling shift-left testing, decoupled development, and early defect detection in CI/CD pipelines.

RELEVANT SKILLS

Programming Languages Kotlin, **Java**, JSP, JSF, J2EE,
J2ME, XML, SQL, TypeScript, CSS,
JavaScript

Frameworks & Libraries

Azure, AWS,Senses,React, Angular, Redux, Reactive, Spring WebFlux, Spring Boot, IaC(Ansible/ARM), Spring MVC, Apache Kafka, Struts, Hibernate, JUnit, Maven, YAML, YAPL, Drools

Development Tools

VSCode, IntelliJ IDEA, Eclipse, Git, Docker, Ansible, JIRA, Confluence, Github, Bitbucket, Visual Studio Code, Cloud Foundry, Azure DevOps, Kubernetes, Postman, Azure Functions, Azure Data Fatory & Studio, Slack SoapUI, Splunk, Dynatrace, SignalFx, Jenkins, SVN, CVS

Environments

Continuous Integration &
Deployment,Code Review,
Microservices Architecture,
Code Quality Tools(SONAR/CheckMarx),
NexusIQ/CLM, API Documentation &
Agile Methodologies

Databases & ORM

Oracle DB, PostgreSQL DB,MySQL, JDBC, R2DBC, Azure SQL Server DB, Azure Cosmos DB, Hibernate, JPA

Application Servers

Tomcat, WAS, IIS, JBoss, Weblogic, GlassFish

- Employed TestContainers, Docker, and H2 in-memory databases to create reliable, isolated test environments that closely mirror production for backend and microservice validation
- Led backend development for a NFC-based digital wallet system using HCE, enabling secure tap-to-pay functionality using encrypted tokenization and real-time transaction validation in Mobile Payments.
- Orchestrated end-to-end payment business processes and configurable services, including parsing, validation, and cost-based routing, leveraging the OPF Product Framework.

Senior Java Backend Developer March 2010 – December 2014 Client – Abbvie/Merck/KBC Bank/Visa Cognizant, Chennai, India

- Worked with the AGF2 Framework, a customized MVC-based system developed by KBC Bank, utilizing the Wonder Machine Plugin Tool to render presentation logic and retrieve backend values via the Message Processing Program (MPP)
- Leveraged Google Visualization API and AmCharts to enhance dashboard reports with dynamic data visualization
- Designed and developed the on-screen electronic dose screen for Multiple sclerosis (MS) patients in RebiSmart Connect Online Application
- Designed, maintained, and modified Oracle 10g database schemas by developing and executing SQL scripts to support seamless business operations and ensure data integrity.
- Adhered to the MVC architecture, ensuring modular, scalable, and maintainable application design.
- Designed and developed a web-based application with Struts2 to provide insights into new product launches and pricing strategies across specific geographic regions for Abbvie Customers.
- Managed version control using Git and integrated Maven for continuous integration with Hudson.
- Integrated **Hibernate** and SQL to optimize data retrieval, enhancing application responsiveness and performance.
- Explored and utilized Mockito/PowerMock frameworks for comprehensive unit and integration testing

LANGUAGES KNOWN

Tamil

Native/Bilingual Proficiency

English

Professional Working Proficiency

Malayalam

Limited Working Proficiency

Dutch(A2)

Elementary Proficiency

HONOR AWARDS

Award for outstanding contribution ideas during Xploration Days

June/2023, Cognizant & Rabobank

Award for contribution to CII 2018

August/2018, Cognizant

Got 3rd prize - Most Innovation Idea on Innovation Day 2016

November/2016, Cognizant

- Played a key role in migrating enterprise applications to WebSphere, leading to enhanced application efficiency and performance
- Resolved PMD and Checkstyle issues to maintain code quality and compliance with best practices.

Medior Java Backend Developer October 2008 – March 2010 Client – WellPoint UST, Chennai, India

- Built and maintained a centralized provider database using Spring, JSF, and Hibernate
- Collaborated closely with the onsite coordinator to gather and clarify project requirements, ensuring precise translation of business needs into technical specifications
- Provided comprehensive pre-production & post-production support, ensuring smooth deployment and continuous operation of application in live environments
- Conducted thorough code reviews to maintain code quality and identify potential issues, followed by efficient debugging and resolution of software defects.

Medior Java Backend Developer May 2007 – May 2008 Client – JPMC Cognizant, Chennai, India

 Developed portfolio reports using Stored Procedures and Ant, enabling access to real-time intra-day, close-of-business, and historical reporting with true-time series reference data

- Implemented functionality to run, view, print, or export reports in multiple formats simultaneously for efficient data analysis and sharing
- Created custom queries to extract data from the client reporting data hub for in-depth investigation of portfolio activity
- Designed and deployed a customizable dashboard homepage, providing quick access to key asset information and portfolio insights
- Enhanced real-time intra-day reporting capabilities, allowing users to schedule, retrieve, and receive minute-by-minute asset status reports via email

CERTIFICATES/COURSES

Generative AI For Beginners

April/2025, Udemy

AWS Certified Cloud Practicioner

April/2025, Udemy

Github Copilot - Java/Angular

March/2024, Cognizant Academy

S1- Fullstack Certification

August/2022, IIHT

Developing Microsoft Azure Solutions AZ-204

Decemeber/2020, Cognizant

Sun Certified Java Developer

January/2007, Sun Microsystems, Inc.

Diploma in Information Technology

April/2004, NIIT, Chennai

Junior Java Backend Developer

June 2006 - March 2007

NTrust, Chennai, India

- Developed Inhouse web application for employees and maintained the Abstraction Management System for their clients
- Tracked the resources availability, work status for that project on hourly, daily and so on
- Implemented Dashboard Overview to get know the online status of work

Junior Java Backend Developer

May 2004 - May 2006

American Infosolutions, Chennai, India

- Designed mobile user interfaces with J2ME/MIDlet
- Implemented the application modules, customized exception handling ,base classes and utility classes using core Java
- Mentored a team of 4 junior developers, resulting in increase of project completion speed
- Completed a rigorous training program and involved hands-on exercises

OUTSIDE OF WORK

- Develop and share proof-of-concepts (POCs) on GitHub/GitLab using Java ,modern cloud platforms,web frameworks & tools such as Next.js,
 TypeScript, Vercel, Vite, React, Render, Serverless
 Databases(Supabase,Upstash) etc. Integrate AI APIs and explore emerging trends like large language models (LLMs) and automation tools.
- Innovation Champion at Cognizant, fostering idea sharing, Al-driven solutions and experimentation across teams
- Hobbyist Photographer with a focus on nature and urban scenes
- Home Chef with interest in Indian cuisine