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Solution Architect

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| AREAS OF EXPERTISE  Solution Design  TOGAF Certified  Cloud Architecture (AWS/Azure)  Project Delivery  Stakeholder Management  Commercial Awareness  Data Architecture  Microsoft Office 365/Windows 10  Infrastructure and Platform as a Service | PROFILE SUMMARY A multi-skilled Solution architect with comprehensive hands-on experience of designing, and implementing architectures and infrastructure for end to end, well implemented and adopted solutions. Proven implementer of business, application, data, integration architectures in various business sectors. A positive, pro-active, results-driven character with proven ability to lead project teams to successfully deliver agreed upon solutions of high quality, often in complex and challenging customer environments. Now seeking a rewarding opportunity to make a successful impact, using the skills and experience gained, in a delivery focused team. |

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### AFFINITY WATER (2.5 years) Nov 2016 – Present

*Solution Architect*

###### Defined and maintained technical solution designs for cloud migration and business transformation projects to enable successful project delivery including application, integration, infrastructure, operations and security architectures. examples projects include; Robotic Process Automation, Digital Workplace Infrastructure and Security, AWS Transitions, Data Architecture and Governance

###### Technology strategist responsible for guiding vendor/product selections, evaluating business need, cost, risk, business tangible/non-tangible benefits, feasibility and support structures to ensure smooth yet calculated transition between developed baseline, transition and target architecture roadmaps.

###### Realised over £0.5M Operational Expenditure savings within Networks, Telephony and Desktop software licencing and maintenance as part of the Future Mode of Operation strategy work.

###### Identified and planed for functional and non-functional requirements for solutions across a diverse variety of technologies and topologies ensuring relevant minimum viable products were implemented for tactical solutions and robust, benefit driven solutions were implemented for strategic visions.

###### Developed, delivered and lead the 5-year IT Enhancements Business Systems plan and strategy, (a water industry economic regulatory requirement by OFWAT - the Water Services Regulation Authority). Resulted in securing over £12 million Capital expenditure specifically for over 100 IT Strategic/Enhancement business case proposals involving modern technology including AI, Machine Learning, Process Automation, Augmented Reality, Big Data, Information Security, etc.

###### Developed credible business cases with clients to improve quality, save costs through efficiencies, reduce working capital, generate revenue, improve customer service and align to corporate strategy.

###### Analysed the scope, risks, impact, technical interdependencies and priorities of viable projects ensuring that every down selected endeavour realised cost benefit through maximum ROI.

###### Validated and verified requirements ensuring they map business needs, are approved by appropriate stakeholders and meet quality standards.

###### Formulated and conducted workshops and presentations at Executive level

###### Skills: AWS Cloud migration design / strategy, Business Systems strategy and planning, Business Case Development, Stakeholder Management, Network architecture design, Telephony architecture design, Data / Integration Architecture

*Microsoft Solution Architect*

###### Microsoft Office 365 governing Solution Architect for Infrastructure, Security and Adoption aspects of the implementation.

###### Strategist for Digital Transformation projects including Microsoft collaboration and productivity tooling, Network and Telephony future mode of operation planning, design and cost modelling.

###### Defined the company’s Digital Workplace Strategy based on Office 365 sharing the vision to senior stakeholders whilst providing technical direction, frameworks and technology roadmaps to meet the business strategic needs.

###### Devised stakeholder requirement matrices and opportunity assessments models to ensure measured, business success criteria leveraging agreed business transition journeys.

###### Developed end-to-end solutions and solution architectures for Office 365, including estimation, planning and collaborating with infrastructure and security SMEs

* Formulated an attainable implementation roadmap based on a solid understanding of a client’s starting point and ability to execute.
* Managed and lead a team of Business Analysts and IT Trainers to deliver a series of Digital Workplace and Microsoft related objectives to achieve full Microsoft Office 365 migration for entire organisation of over 2000 employees as well as identifying over £750k OpEx saving via licence consolidation and technology adoption.

###### Skills: Office 365 infrastructure, Office 365 implementation and adoption, Microsoft SCCM, Mobile Device Management, Microsoft Intune, Windows 10 Enterprise, Skype for Business, Azure Active Directory, Identity and Access Management tooling and processes, (AD Connect/ADFS/Azure AD), Office 365 Application suite adoption, SharePoint Online/Teams governance.

### ACCENTURE (9.5 years) May 2007 – Oct 2016

###### BP

###### *Cloud Infrastructure Solution Architect*

###### Comprehensive analysis of application landscape, functional and non-functional requirements for Cloud migration implementation and strategy

###### Detailed technical solution transition design of physical data centre to Azure Cloud infrastructure

###### Skills: MS Azure, Data Integration, Cloud migration design / strategy

###### TJX Europe (TKMaxx & Homesense)

###### *Technical Solution Architect*

###### Delivery of detailed blueprint solution design for legacy transformation. Review of all application and integration requirements from a high level, functional perspective. Entailed in-depth technical workshops with senior stakeholders to map out the strategical reshape of the tightly coupled application landscape and RFP submission.

###### Covered various interconnected parts of the business such as Sales Audit, eCommerce, PoS, allocations, stock planning etc. across infrastructure shared between US and UK teams

###### Application field expansion technical analysis/roadmap for business introduction in European countries

###### Skills: Oracle Retail architecture, Database Architecture, Mainframe analysis, IBM integration tooling

###### Home Retail Group (Argos & Homebase)

###### *Technical Solution Architect Lead*

###### Detailed technical solution design and assurance requiring client sign-off for distribution centre scheduling system to reduce lead times for product stock. Review of all application and integration requirements, including, functional, security, performance, quality and operations for digital transformation project. Decisions regarding hardware, network products, system software and security.

###### Providing leadership and direction to five offshore experienced developers

###### Skills: IBM WebSphere Technologies, SOA, Mashery, Integration Design, Infrastructure Security, Data Architecture, XML technologies, Web Services, Supply Chain, eCommerce

###### Tesco

###### *Technical Enterprise Architect*

### Enterprise wide automation tool evaluation adoption strategy for a continuous delivery engagement.

### Required multi-project and multi-industry stakeholder engagement to implement code quality, test, deployment, configuration management automation tools and frameworks. Deliver Saver project; saw approximately 300% improvement on development efforts

### Part of the team that made possible the zero-touch build-test-deploy process

### Provisioned and evaluated IaaS implementation readiness with Client Architects

### Resulted in enterprise wide streamlined processes, delivery timelines and cost savings.

###### Skills: DevOps, Cloud Computing, Virtualisation, Automation tooling, OSS Governance, Implementation strategy, Agile,

###### Department of Work and Pensions

###### *Security Technical Architect*

### Security Technical Architect for Identity Assurance (IDA) & Personal Independence Payment (PIP) projects. Specialising in design assurance and implementation of Web Identity and Access Management technologies potentially servicing more than 5 million claimants in the UK

### Consultation and workshops with high profile SME government security clients

###### Skills: Security Architecture, Architecture Assurance, Oracle Security, SAML, SSL, PKI, Networking, D/R

###### Royal Sun Alliance

###### *Infrastructure & Technical Architect Lead*

###### Skills: DB2 DBA, UNIX, AIX, SQL, Shell, DataStage ETL, Infrastructure, Network Security, Firewall config, IBM GRID Archietcture

###### Department of Work and Pensions

###### *Oracle Database Administrator*

###### Skills: Oracle 9i/10g Database Administration, SQL, PL/SQL, Shell scripting, Perl, Oracle RAC, RMAN, Datapump, Performance tuning

###### BAE Systems

###### *Database and Application Developer*

###### Skills: Oracle Application Express (ApEx - HTMLDB), SQL Scripting, Data architecture/modelling

### ATOS Nov 2004 – Apr 2007

###### *Developer/Consultant*

###### Skills: Oracle, PL/SQL, Toad, UNIX, PVCS, J2SE, JavaScript, HTML, CSS, XML Technologies, UML

### SIEMENS Dec 2003 – Oct 2004

###### *Database, Web and Java Developer*

### VARTEC TELECOM Jun 2001 – Jun 2002

###### *Database Developer/Administrator*

### NORTEL NETWORKS Aug 1999 – Sep 1999

###### *Application Developer*

### NORTEL NETWORKS Aug 1998 – Sep 1998

###### *Senior Sales Management Assistant*

### QUALIFICATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

* TOGAF v9.1 **Certified**
* BCS Solution and Enterprise Architecture **Certified**
* AWS Solution Architect **Certified**
* Scrum Master **Certified**
* ITIL V3 Foundation **Certified**
* Oracle Database Administration 11g **Certified**
* Architecting on AWS **Trained**
* BSc (Hons) Information Systems, Inc. work placement – University of Derby (1999-2003)
* A Levels including Maths and Physics – Queens’ School, Bushey (1997-1999)
* GCSE’s including Maths, English, Advanced Science – Brentwood School, Essex (1995-1997)

### ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS

* Running
* Qualified FA Level 2 Football coach for a youth football academy
* Public speaking coach for professionals
* Relationship coach and workshop facilitator for recently engaged and married couples

### KNOWN METHODOLOGIES

* UML
* TOGAF
* Agile & Waterfall
* III RM
* Zachman

Full contactable references available upon request