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Personal Statement

A dedicated and professional senior network engineer with over 15 years of experience who has worked with a large range of networking technologies from differing vendors. Has a certified Cisco and Meraki skill set and has extensive experience with a number of different network products from vendors such as HP, Dell, Palo Alto and Aruba. Works well under pressure and has an analytical approach to problem-solving. Has successfully designed and deployed a multitude of networks from small offices to implementations that stretch across multiple countries.

Key Skills and Experience

* LAN and WAN Design
* Wireless Survey, Design configuration and installation
* Firewall configuration and installation (including VPN methods)
* Next-Gen security configuration and installation (ISE, Firepower)
* Router, Switch configuration and installation
* Stakeholder and Vendor Liaison
* Employee Mentoring and Training
* Client Interaction/Satisfaction

Employment History

Senior Technical Engineer, SICL Ltd, Leeds

(May 2018 – Present)

This role builds on my previous one as Technical Engineer by incorporating the following additional responsibilities:

* Providing support for multiple businesses within a 3rd line role.
* Providing in-house training and support to junior and middle tier team members.
* Providing a point of escalation for team members.
* Empowering the Sales team with on-site technical presence.
* Authoring technical documentation for use within deployment and pre-sales.
* Validating and having responsibility for technical RFC approval.

Technical Engineer, SICL Ltd, Leeds

(January 2009 – May 2018)

Key Achievements and Responsibilities:

* The designing and implementation of LAN/WAN and Wireless network solutions.
* Providing pre-sales support and ensured the accurate quotation of work.
* Providing support for multiple businesses within a 2rd and 3nd line role.
* Providing guidance and point of escalation upon areas of expertise to engineers of all levels.
* Supporting multiple large WAN deployments that operated BGP, EIGRP and OSPF.
* On-site and remote wireless site surveys allowing for hundreds of successful wireless implementations in a number of different industries from retail to manufacturing.
* Successfully implemented a wireless and LAN deployment across eight European countries for a major chemical distributor.

Technical Engineer, Manheim Europe, Leeds

(October 2003 – January 2009)

Achievements and Responsibilities:

* Maintained and implemented improvements to a business-critical wireless infrastructure across all UK sites that operated within an RF hostile environment.
* Provided network support for an MPLS-WAN and LAN environment across all UK sites.
* Successfully deployed the required infrastructure for a vehicle tracking and data entry system across all sites.
* Deployed and maintained infrastructure for interactive live auctions that included video and audio feeds.

Education

Certifications gained through self-study and industry experience:

CCNP Wireless – First exam of four – October 2018

CCNP Routing and Switching – April 2017  
CCNA Wireless – April 2011

Cisco Advanced Wireless Field Specialist – September 2010

Certifications gained through tutor-led courses:

Cisco Meraki Networking Associate – September 2012 London, Cisco Meraki

CCNA Routing and Switching – September 2009 Leeds, Leeds College of Technology

Cisco Fundamentals of Wireless LANs – August 2005 Leeds, Leeds College of Technology

Dewsbury College

(September 2002 – June 2003)

Information Communication Technology BTEC.

English Literature.

Whitcliffe Mount, Cleckheaton

(June 2001)

Multiple GCSEs including English, Maths, Design Technology, History and Physics.

Hobbies & Interests

I have a passion for travelling, having visited over 25 countries across North America, Europe and Africa.

I also have a strong interest in classic cars and have developed my engineering skills both mechanically and with electrics to enable me to keep an increasingly rare vehicle (Mazda Rx7) on the road. This has involved learning a number of specialist technical skills including how to perform a complete re-build of a rotary engine to Mazda factory specifications and learning how to program an ECU to allow for the operation of the rebuilt engine.

I often volunteer at events run on behalf of St Gemma’s Hospice and the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

References

References are available upon request.