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Profile

Dynamic developer with experience of maintaining and expanding critical line-of-business SQL Server databases and .Net SaaS website used by many blue chip clients. I have been involved in the complete range of developer tasks, from gathering requirements from key stakeholders, designing and building a suitable solution, testing the suitability of my solution, gathering feedback from stakeholders and deploying the final solution.

My DevOps skills include automating the build process for our SaaS website using TeamCity and powershell, deploying changes to our Azure infrastructure, configuring Azure Traffic Manager to reduce unexpected downtime, implemented an Agile style of small regular updates to systems.

Key Skills

SQL Server 2005/2014
Source Control (Git and Subversion)
HTML/CSS
Azure (VMs/Webapps/Traffic Manager/Storage)
TeamCity and Continuous Delivery
Powershell/MSBuild scripts
Requirement Gathering
C#/.Net
Web Forms and MVC
Javascript/JQuery
Web Service (SOAP)

Recent Projects

Investigation of the feasibility of producing an MVC website that could query Exchange 2010 Calendars to produce an at a glance view of where in the country staff were. This project was only looking at how well such a system would work and to improve my skills in the MVC area and as such has not been used in production. I built a command line Tool for updating the SQL backend database using Exchange Web Services API, SSDT database project for storing the information, MVC website which included using Entity Framework for the data layer and Azure AD for Authorization.

Clouds UK SaaS website (www.cloudsuk.com)

ASP.NET WebForms website using SSDT database projects, and a Core Shared Library project. My recent work on this website include creating a data extractor for downloading all files uploaded for a specific client, amending what information is displayed in certain reports and many other bug fixes.

Upgraded a Web Service

We have a SOAP web service which an external website queries to pull back data. Following a change with their website I was asked to update the web service. I performed the following, created a new Stored Procedure to bring back the required data as specified by the external site and added a new method in the web service.

Work

June 2014 – Present

Developer/IT Manager for Eurosafe UK

In addition to my IT Manager role I also project manage and work very closely with our external development team to deliver improvements to our Cloud computing (SaaS) platform working with Visual Studio, Azure, git and SQL Server. I also continue to develop our critical line-of-business applications written in SQL Server using MS Access VBA front-ends. Previous projects

include automating the asbestos Management Re-Inspection process from booking audits right through to invoicing, creating systems to manage asbestos contaminations and no access areas and restructured and improved reporting for the company's project diary. I have experience of DevOps, installing and maintaining a TeamCity build server to deliver frequent updates to our internal databases and our SaaS product while minimising downtime for the business.

January 2011 – June 2014 IT Manager for Eurosafe UK

Manage the IT department for Eurosafe UK, responsible for the running of all the IT systems, and managing the workloads of the other IT staff members. Involved in network upgrade project in consultation with the company directors. Deal with Contractors and Consultants to ensure delivery of solutions to day to day problems. Ensure the smooth running of the companies Cloud computing products.

October 2006 – January 2011 System Administrator for Eurosafe UK

Worked as part of the IT support team, providing front line support to the company, which includes support via phone/e-mail for two branch offices in Derby and Basingstoke. I also provide phone/email support to clients and contractors for a busy data sharing website. I am responsible for ensuring the weekly backups run, administering users and computers with active directory, maintaining the company websites, maintaining FTP, VPN and Exchange, converting Health and Safety files into HTML and all other IT related tasks.

May 2005 – October 2006 Customer Service Representative for Norwich Union

January 2005 – April 2005	Administrative Assistant for City of York Council
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September 2004 – November 2004 Administrative Assistant for Pesticide Safety Directorate

November 2003 – September 2004 Administrative Assistant for Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs

Education

1999 - 2003 MPhys (Hons) degree (2:2) in Experimental Physics University of York

1997 - 1999 Redhill Sixth Form Physics (A), Maths (A), Chemistry (C), Further Maths (D)

1992 - 1997 Redhill Comprehensive School GCSE 9 A* - D including Science, Mathematics and English