**Simon Foster**

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**Profile**

Skilled .Net C# Developer with experience of a wide variety of technologies including C# .Net, Javascript, SQL Server and Azure. Coming from a SysAdmin background I have a strong interest in making the deployment process easier and automating every step of development.

**Work**

October 2016 – Present Web Applications Developer for Counter Intelligence Retail

Responsible for the design, development and release of all websites for CIR’s clients. Implemented a source control process for all of CIR’s source code, including introducing git to the SQL development team. Developed and implemented a continuous deployment pipeline with approval gates and code reviews using Visual Studio Team Services. Rearchitected a legacy webform application to ASP.Net MVC. Load Monthly data to CIR’s website and involved in ways to automate this to reduce errors. Regularly review code written by others and mentoring of junior members of the team. Migrated web applications from a single IIS server to Azure PaaS hosting with global redundancy.

June 2014 – October 2016 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 internal 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

Worked as part of the Agency team, tasks included transferring customers Collective Investments from one Independent Financial Adviser to another, updating IFA commission accounts, dealing with queries from our Call Centre and other commission queries. I have been involved with training our call centre on how to check for commission information for IFA’s and customers.

January 2005 – April 2005 Administrative Assistant for City of York Council

Work included dealing with customer’s benefit forms and associated evidence, making sure they were returned promptly to the customer, making sure they were scanned and indexed onto the system, updating various spreadsheets used for statistical purposes, collected mail out.

September 2004 – November 2004 Administrative Assistant for Pesticide Safety Directorate

Work included booking staff onto training courses, updating Learning and Development website, ordering specialist equipment for staff, and other duties as required.

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

Provided project support to the Livestock Register Project, work included filing, arranging meetings (room bookings and liaising with delegates). Responsible for team’s procurement (involved carrying out all purchasing and expenditure monitoring for the team). Arranging teams travel and hotel bookings and other duties as required. I have attended various training course while there including ones on Interpersonal skills and Team Building.

**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

**Hobbies and Interests**

In August 2015 I became a father to James, and in November 2017 Edward was born so much of my free time is spent with my family. I also like Star Trek, science fiction and of course keeping up with the latest technology.