

Gareth | Curriculum Vitae

2017 schedule: Australia, Turkey, Israel, Netherlands, Canada, Spain...

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British and Australian passports

"You have selected unorthodox candidates for your support team which has led to the best results I have seen from the GPI support team ever." - Director of Greenpeace Global IT

Experience

skills tag cloud.....

Leadership, Linux SysAdmin (Debian, Red Hat), MacOS, DevOps (Kubernetes, Docker, Salt Stack, Vagrant), nginx, Apache, *sql, nosql, Python, NodeJS, C, STM32, Arduino, SDR, Information Security

Vocational.....

Greenpeace action-tech contractor

Mostly Europe

Computer Security Researcher

August 2015 - Present

Global technology contractor with Greenpeace International (GPI), its Global teams, and National/Regional Offices (NROs) in projects such as: Secure Group Communications (testing and implementation); Software Defined Radio R&D for satellite tracking and monitoring at-risk species, fisheries, and international vessels of interest; On-site infosec consultation and training in Turkey, Israel, & Germany; Co-creator of the Greenpeace International 2016 Action-Tech skill share in Hamburg.

Greenpeace International

Amsterdam, Netherlands

Team Lead - Information Technology

2012–August 2015

From a challenging start I worked with HR to amicably restaff our team of four with folks holding contemporary technical proficiency which enabled an immediate improvement in not only typical areas of IT responsibilities but increased our team's capacity to provide services, systems, training, on-site solutions, and support for other areas of not just GPI, but also NROs and units well outside the usual jurisdiction. Non-traditional roles such as NRO on-site support, GPI Project management technical support, assessment, and testing. Extra capacity enabled us to do ships technical support, Global meeting support, and a complete computer systems overhaul for the Exeter Science Unit. My time with GPI was limited to a maximum of 3 years due to GPI restructuring rules. I immediately moved into doing Action-Tech contracts with global Greenpeace offices and campaigns.

Reef Safari Diving

Great Barrier Reef, Australia

Project Manager, Diving Instructor

2009–2012

Manager and Instructor of dive operations with a team of 12 on the 300 person dive boat 'Seaflight' with daily trips 200km out to the Great Barrier Reef. I also spent 3 months creating photo studios and training dedicated dive staff to run underwater photography at our sites in Queensland and Fiji

Computer Rescue

Tasmania, Australia

Owner

2002–2011

Full-service, contracted, IT support for thousands of personal and business clients over nine years.

Running my own business and being solely responsible for every technology stack I built and/or supported has given me the confidence and diverse range of skills to tackle almost any area of technology today. Being confident of my ability to skill-up in a reasonable time has come from the demand of live production environments.

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A general-purpose cover letter

July 5, 2017

- containing a few salient points

Dear interested party,

Hi!

So great of you to use your valuable time to find out a little bit more about me!

I'm a well-read, nerdy, autodidact with a penchant for diving deep into areas that both excite and mystify me. This has lead to diverse and successful multi-disciplined careers.

How does this help you? Well it means that if we decide to work together then you know I'm serious about bringing my absolute best and have a track record of success to prove it.

When I'm hiring someone, I look for an applicant that fits the culture; someone who is bright, excited, switched-on to the mission, and who wants to learn. Through that ideology, I have built and nurtured strong, diverse, imaginative teams that are empowered to take risks and innovate. Maintaining and leading teams in this way is the foundation of any successful venture.

I bring technical competence, analytical thinking, and a solid understanding of trending technology. This, combined with strong interpersonal skills puts me in a very unique position of being a total and utter geek while comfortably speaking fluent human.

I have the skills, mindset and passion that thrives on innovation and challenge.

Perhaps that's enough to intrigue you. If so I look forward to your contact.

Sincerely yours,

Gareth

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