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TLDR;

- Bachelor's degree in Computer Science & Information Technology
- 4+ years experience leading and managing people, technology and software in high performance environment (Amazon AWS)
- 6+ years experience as a software developer (e-Commerce/retail industry, Java, C#)
- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Excellent judgment to influence product architecture, roadmap direction, features, and priorities
- Strong problem solving and critical thinking skills
- Tactical and Strategic thinker that helps drive technology and expedite organisational goals
- Skilled leader who has the proven ability to motivate, educate, and manage a team of professionals to build software programs that delight customers and drive a business forward
- Strong skills in work prioritisation, driving architectural decisions, technical debt and dependency management and coaching/mentoring individuals
- Experience with development and management challenges of large scale distributed systems (AWS EC2)
- Experience measuring the health and effectiveness of technical systems and business processes
- Experience designing and operating large scale, distributed systems with integrations to numerous systems
- Experience leading multiple high performing engineering teams

EXPERIENCE

Amazon Web Services - EC2, Cape Town — Software Development Manager

4 years, October 2015 - October 2019

- Led and managed multiple engineering teams.
- Responsible and accountable for all aspects of running a business, including Recruiting, Coaching and Performance Management, Product ownership, Project and Operations Management.
- Provide technical support throughout the product life cycle including design, implementation, and delivery of scalable software.
- Product and Services portfolio included the EC2 API Web Service, EC2 Tagging Service and up to ~15 internal diagnostics and backend tools.
- Direct contribution to launching at least 4 major public EC2 product/feature launches and supported numerous other launches.
- Develop and drive the strategic direction of engineering teams ensuring that team goals are aligned with that of the broader organisation.
- Hands-on with operational tasks around fleet maintenance and resolving operational tickets.

Mr. Delivery, Cape Town — Software Development Manager

6 months, April 2015 - September 2019

- Managed the engineering teams in both the online Food Ordering and Courier businesses.
- Developed tactical goals to identify and resolve immediate risks to business (under-utilised resources, lack of investment in tech debt and highly unstable operations)
- Developed long term strategic architecture and plans for the Food systems
- Delivery of systems architecture, POCs and day to day operational tasks
- Drove recruitment process and assisted sister company (takealot.com) with recruitment

MIH International, Cape Town — Senior Java Engineer to Tech lead and Solutions Architect

4 years, April 2011 - March 2015

- Involved in 2 major re-architecture programmes that saw us rewrite the majority of the in-house ecommerce systems. First from Classic ASP to ASP.net and thereafter from .Net to Java. The Java stack (Spring Framework), was based on a platform called Hybris and was heavily customized and integrated with SAP fulfillment systems.
- Responsible for the development and maintenance of the retail Buying experience.
- Built a team of 4-6 engineers and led the all development work with the broader teams (UX, QA Testers, Analysts, Customer support etc)
- Day to day tasks involved developing and communicating architectural and systems designs, writing software code, driving day to day team management tasks like backlog grooming and retrospectives and feature release management, recruiting and on-boarding engineers.
- Regularly sought out by other team members for technical discussions (Product Owners, Business Analysts, UX designers).

SKILLS

Current - Technology Architecture and Management, People Management and Growth, Software Development Management.

Previous - Senior Java Engineer and Solutions Architect - C#, Java, Enterprise Architecture, Spring Framework, Hybris platform, ActiveMQ, MySQL

EDUCATION**Self-Taught, Online — Various technologies**

2020 - Present, [GitHub](#), himesh.ramjee.co.za

- Using Docker, NodeJS together with Express and Pug JS on my personal website which is deployed to AWS. Recently migrated our family email/domain from a local provider to Amazon AWS.
- Personal projects are developed using Visual Studio Code, VIM, Bash, Python scripts, Docker, NodeJS and AWS services. Currently developing a trading robot that is written in MQL5 and runs on the MetaTrader 5 Platform.

Amazon Web Services, Online courses

July 2020 - Present

- Completed AWS Cloud Practitioner and Solutions Architect Associate courses.
- Currently on the AWS Developer Associate course.
- Plan to do at least 1 of the Professional courses thereafter to stay current.

Microsoft Graduate Academy, Johannesburg — MCSE & MCS D Certification

January 2006 - December 2006

Selected to join the MS Graduate Academy program. Successfully completed both the Microsoft Certified Solutions Expert (MCSE) and Microsoft Certified Solutions Developer (MCS D) courses.

University of Kwa-Zulu Natal, Durban — BSc Computer Science and Information Technology

January 2002 - December 2005