Rory Connolly

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Professional Summary

Accomplished technology professional with 15 years of experience designing and delivering robust, performant, and secure solutions in both electronic trading and consumer cloud storage verticals

Skills

- Proficient in Python, C/C++, Java, Perl, SQL, Bash
- Experienced working in Linux/Unix environments
- Adept at working within large global organizations
- Google certified Associate Cloud Engineer
- Ability to translate business goals into deliverables
- Strong project management and organization skills

Work History

Verizon

Leading provider of technology, communications, information and entertainment products and services

Senior Technical Product Manager July 2019 – present

Distinguished member of technical staff within the Product Development and Innovation group, focused on performance and reliability of Verizon Cloud

- Work closely with legal, commercial, development, and design teams to bring new products and features to market
- Responsible for validating optimal solution design with stakeholders throughout the organization
- Led effort to instrument new desktop application with performance metrics collection framework using Elastic stack
- Manage partner API program that enables VZ Cloud integration with other internal and external products and services
- Filed patent in support of new multi-tier Cloud storage solution design

Itiviti AB

World-leading technology provider for the capital markets industry

Senior Sales Engineer February 2016 – August 2018

Senior member of the Americas sales team. Focused on technical sales and implementations of flagship product, Tbricks, a low latency, highly scalable, and fully-customizable algorithmic trading system.

- Designed targeted product demonstrations highlighting specific capabilities of the Tbricks system to drive new sales;
 typical use cases would include ETF trading, options market making, and statistical arbitrage
- Implemented proof of concept apps using the Tbricks C++ API to illustrate trading and integration capabilities
- Explained system architecture and details of both server-side and front-end components, emphasizing design choices that resulted in enhanced system performance and competitive advantages to customers
- Average sales cycle of 2-12 months, average deal size from 10-100k per month, with a minimum 1-year contract term
- Typical pipeline of 10-20 prospects at any given time, achieved roughly 40% acceptance rate on trials

Orc Group

Leading provider of technology for advanced trading, market making and brokerage solutions

Sales Engineer April 2011 – February 2016

- Served as product expert while pursuing new business opportunities, drew from personal experience with successful system deployments to unblock deals and facilitate sales
- Managed all aspects of the onboarding and implementation process for new customer installations

Manager, Services September 2007 – April 2011

- Managed the Americas technical services group, leading a 12-person team across our NYC, Chicago and Toronto offices
- Hiring manager responsible for interviewing and onboarding new team members

Trading Systems Analyst March 2006 – September 2007

Maintained connections to all major U.S. options markets, assuring reliable access to liquidity for traders

Education

Cornell Tech at Cornell University, New York, NY

Master of Engineering in Computer Science, May 2019

Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, September 2005

Personal:

Hiking, camping, skiing, traveling. Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. Avid reader and crossword puzzle enthusiast.