Jim Gumbley

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Profile:

Organised and delivery focused Developer and Systems Engineer with strong attention to detail and outstanding troubleshooting skills. Pragmatic and cautious approach to change, deep understanding of modern and aging IT systems, able to understand complex systems quickly and come up with creative ideas. Develops good relationships with colleagues and customers and can work in a self-directed manner to broad grained goals.

Technologies:



Current Employment:

SOFTWARE DEVELOPER with MedQuist Holdings, since November 2010.

- Developing service oriented Java EE web-services to expose and extend functionality of existing applications.
- Use of Spring, Maven, Hibernate and confidence with modern JEE stack.
- Development of Oracle views and analysis of generated SQL for performance issues. PL/SQL stored procedures to extend existing codebase.
- Developing supporting integration test harness using Python and managing build system based on Hudson.
- Development and testing of reusable deployment scripts for Weblogic/Red Hat Enterprise Linux based servers using Python and Puppet.

Previous Employment:

PRODUCTION ENGINEER with MedQuist Holdings, from April 2008 to November 2010.

- Production support working in high availability datacentre environment for healthcare industry.
- Responsible for deployment of server software to test and production environments as well as escalations from L3 technical support.
- Built the base datacentre VM templates and was a leading contributor to a project which virtualised over 200 servers in less than 8 months.
- Made main production system stable by fixing several long standing timing issues.
- As part of a cost cutting initiative, led planning and execution of regular major system maintenance working with DBA, datacentre infrastructure and network groups
- Collected performance data to open up new perspectives and read source code to produce root cause analyses for departmental and senior management.
- Developed various utility applications.

DESKTOP SPECIALIST with Sytner Group from January 2006 to April 2008.

- Team leader on strategic project to standardize IT provision for automobile retail branch network which had grown by acquisition.
- Saw 2.5 year project through to completion working on-site at over 50 sites within Sytner's network of prestige dealerships including 7 newly acquired sites.
- Responsible for liaison with onsite management, lead team of third party IT technicians.
- Developed and defined estate-wide (over four thousand desktops) procedure for installation of desktop applications on standardized Windows XP image.
- Lead successful desktop installation at largest Ferrari Aftersales department in the UK, arriving onsite the day the business was acquired.
- Setup and developed a Wiki on central infrastructure, documenting installation procedures in a clear, simple manner.
- Developed library of installation scripts for specific franchise information systems (e.g. Mercedes, BMW, Porsche, Ferrari).

HELPDESK SPECIALIST with Sytner Group from September 2005 to January 2006.

Education:

BSc ECONOMICS Class II.i from The University of Sheffield, 2005.

- Undergraduate level micro and macro economics course along with supporting statistics (econometrics) and economic history.
- Studied modules in Computer Science (Java, Relational Databases, Robotics)

STUDY ABROAD YEAR at the Copenhagen Business School, from 2004 to 2005.

• Studied Pricing, Business, International Financial Markets and European Economic History.

Four A Levels at grade A: English, Geography, General Studies and Economics. Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Personal:

- Climbing, mountain biking, visiting historical sites, going to the gym, music, motor cars, photography, reading, history books and the financial markets.
- Has a car and a full driver's licence.