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Career

Blue Sentry Cloud - Remote - March 2022 - Present

DevOps Engineer, Team Lead

Duties

- Lead a team of four DevOps engineers in multiple client engagements
- Design and implement CI/CD frameworks, infrastructure-as-code and system monitoring solutions to alert teams to problems before customers are impacted
- Work with customers to understand complex requirements and translate them into automated solutions
- Provide support to ensure mission critical applications and components are being monitored
- Meet security, reporting and retention requirements as well as disaster recovery requirements of clients

Major accomplishments

- Participated in a major financial institution's successful move from on-premises infrastructure into AWS and Azure cloud environments
- Created an internal company site to track and report on employee goals, certifications, skills and team memberships, working directly with the CTO

fjorge - Minneapolis, MN - May 2019 - March 2022

Lead DevOps Engineer - September 2020 - March 2022

Duties

- Automate deployment for all new and existing development projects
- Manage multi-account AWS and Azure environments
- Support on-premises Linux and Windows servers, Active Directory domain controllers
- Support MS SQL, PostgreSQL, and MySQL servers/databases

Major accomplishments

- Established DevOps role and CI/CD best practices
- Migrated from AWS CodeCommit to GitHub for version control
- Automated Google Lighthouse auditing

Lead Solutions Architect - May 2019 - September 2020

Duties

- Lead a team of three solutions architects
- Provide technical leadership on project development phase over a team of six engineers
- Engage with clients to determine requirements for custom web and desktop applications
- Review developer work for code quality and outcomes matching requirements
- Report to Director of Operations

Major accomplishments

- Established Solutions Architecture department and best practices
- Delivered Solutions Architecture presentation leading to a \$1.4M engagement with client

Plus Relocation - Minneapolis, MN - March 2014 - May 2019

Solutions Engineer - January 2018 - April 2019

Duties

- Lead a team of three to design, build and test applications for departments across the company
- Review departments for inefficient processes that should be automated
- Engage with internal clients to gather requirements and feedback for custom-built solutions

- Support mix of cloud and on-premises Linux and Windows servers, Active Directory domain controllers
- Support MS SQL servers/databases

Major accomplishments

- Led project to replace legacy expense auditing application with a modern web application
- Transitioned Service Delivery department from legacy Windows application to modern SaaS
- Automated vendor invoice intake and ingestion into the system

Business Systems Analyst - May 2016 - December 2017

Duties

- Create and support ETL processes between Accounting, Expense Management, and Service Delivery across on-premises, cloud, and SaaS environments
- Manage several technology vendor relationships to drive better value
- Create and support reports using SSRS, Power BI, and Salesforce, scheduled and on-demand
- Review and determine best choice of technology products for new needs at the company (e.g. selected new software for Accounting team)

Major accomplishments

- Identified low-value vendors and saved the company \$200,000 annually without affecting outcomes
- Led company-wide transition from WebFOCUS reporting to SQL Server Reporting Services and Power BI
- Automated data quality checks using SQL Server Reporting Services

Expense Specialist - September 2014 - May 2016

Major accomplishments

- Led company-wide project to replace paper-driven operations model with a paperless workflow system
 - After a few vendor proposals that would require large cash outlays, I asked if I could put an internal proposal together using company resources and our existing technology vendors. My proposal was approved, and I was able to lead the project to transition a company that had previously moved every single expense on paper from inception through invoicing into a totally paperless workflow, leading to enhanced security, reduced resource usage and fewer employees required per client.
- Automated several processes, including client invoicing, client reporting, and data entry from various systems, including CSV, Excel, and Google Sheets data

Senior Expense Processor - May 2014 - September 2014

Expense Processor - March 2014 - May 2014

Technology experience

- **Infrastructure:** AWS, Azure, Google Cloud Platform, Kubernetes, On-premises Linux & Windows
- **Database:** MS SQL, PostgreSQL, MySQL, DynamoDB, Redis
- **Deployment:** Docker, Terraform, GitHub Actions, Jenkins, BitBucket Pipelines, Azure DevOps, Artifactory, Selenium, XUnit, AWS CodePipeline
- **Languages/Frameworks:** .NET/C#, TypeScript, Go, Python, PHP, Java, React, Vue, PowerShell, Bash

Certifications

AWS Certified Developer – Associate
 AWS Certified DevOps Engineer – Professional
 AWS Certified Solutions Architect – Associate
 AWS Certified Solutions Architect – Professional
 AWS Certified SysOps Administrator – Associate

CKA: Certified Kubernetes Administrator
 Microsoft Certified: Azure Administrator Associate
 Microsoft Certified: Azure Developer Associate
 Microsoft Certified: Azure Solutions Architect Expert
 HashiCorp Certified: Terraform Associate (003)

Education

University of Minnesota – Twin Cities
 Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.), Economics