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Profile

Hands-on software architect/tech lead with a creative, practical approach. Specific experience applying distributed/grid computing to Finance. Excellent communicator; can face off to front office and senior MDs. Effective at mentoring and leading other developers.

EDUCATION

7City, London, United Kingdom.

2011-Present

Certificate in Quantitative Finance (In progress) University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, USA.

2001-2002

MS Computer Science (Honors)

Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, MA, USA.

1984-1988

BS Electrical Engineering (High Distinction). 4 Year US Air Force Scholarship.

Selected Publications AND AWARDS

2005 SQL Server Innovator of the Year Award, awarded by SQL Server Magazine, Jan 2006 "In Theatres Now: How Python Runs the Largest Independent Cinema Group in the UK" Presentation to EuroPython 2005 Conference, Gothenburg, Sweden, Jun 2005

Wrote several articles in C/C++ Users Journal, Dr. Dobb's Journal, Windows::Developer Magazine,

JavaPro magazine, and IBM developerWorks website between 1998–2002 (details on request)

Professional Experience

Bank of America Merrill Lynch, New York, New York, USA

Director

Jun 2012 – present

Responsible for mortgage front office trading/marking applications. Successfully delivered a Quartzbased solution for the Passthrough desk, replacing WinFITS vendor solution. Currently designing a Quartz solution for structured products. Mentor and manage a global team of developers. SME for Python-related technologies. Technical liaison between mortgage and Core teams. Face off to mortgage senior traders and Core senior MDs. Hands-on, leads the team in commits and reviews.

Bridgewater Associates, Westport, Connecticut, USA

Software Architect

Aug 2010 - Jun 2012

Established architectural principles and introduced modern technologies into an aging software stack. Redesigned backoffice systems around custom grid computing and process management resulting in faster and more robust EOD batch processing. Convinced senior management to transition from .NET to Python, significantly boosting productivity. Trained and mentored developers. Presented Tech Talks to CTO and wider developer community. Hands-on; delivered multiple pricing and risk solutions to the business.

Independent Consultant, London, United Kingdom

Jul 2006 - Aug 2010

Consulted for a number of banks and hedge funds in London. Details of contract engagements below.

Standard Bank

Sep 2009 - Aug 2010

Brought back to build the "next generation" risk engine for the firm's USD \$2.5bn credit trading operation. Designed a solution using my custom grid computing and process management framework. The result had 75% less code, was more reliable, easier to monitor, and ran 5x faster which enabled running intraday risk.

Capula Global LLC

Feb 2009 - Sep 2009

Built the software infrastructure running the middle/back office for this USD \$3.5bn fixed income hedge fund. Wrote a custom grid computing platform and deployed it to 70 desktop machines, leveraging unused computing capacity. Designed and implemented a comprehensive business process management framework. Modified the fund's EOD batch to run on this infrastructure; the result was 4x faster and could be resumed from any point of failure.

Conduit Capital Markets

Oct 2008 - Feb 2009

Architect and lead developer of a computing grid and Monte Carlo pricing framework for exotic derivatives. Used SWIG/C++ to expose Quantilib stochastic vol models to Python. Wrote a high-performance custom desktop grid computing infrastructure. Deployed and maintained a production grid of 30 machines. Built a distributed Monte Carlo pricing framework allowing complex path-dependent derivative payoffs to be expressed in Python. Integrated with Sungard Front Arena.

Standard Bank Mar 2008 – Oct 2008

Python SME for credit risk engine team. Trained and mentored developers. Profiled, identified and fixed performance problems. Sped up inbound data load from Asset Control by a factor of 8x. Refactored stress VaR engine increasing performance by a factor of 4x. Implemented several FSA requirements for CAD II including security model and audit checks.

Peloton Partners LLC

Jun 2007 – Mar 2008

Senior software developer for this USD \$3b global macro hedge fund. Responsible for infrastructure code to support the trading operation, risk management, and back office. Identified a bottleneck in EOD processing and built a custom grid solution to fix it, allowing parallel processing of reporting jobs. Sped up daily P&L reporting time 14x from 7 hours to 30 minutes. Built a comprehensive framework for managing outbound data feeds to counterparties.

Citi Feb $2007 - Jun\ 2007$

Senior developer on Citi's proprietary FX option trading platform. Integrated stochastic volatility models and implemented distributed pricing on the firm's Platform Symphony grid. Created a cost-based trade distribution framework in the grid client layer which cut the time to run risk by 25%.

Barclays Capital

Jul 2006 – Feb 2007

Key developer on the banks Core Risk Engine. Migrated code from proprietary grid to Data Synapse. Created a C extension module which allowed developing CRE client applications in Python.

Arts Alliance Media Ltd., London, United Kingdom

Architect & Lead Software Developer

Oct 2002 - Jun 2006

Responsible for full lifecycle of Newman Online, one of the most advanced software packages for managing multi-site cinema groups, currently running operations for 150 screens across Europe. Gathered requirements, performed business analysis, and wrote technical specs. Designed a flexible SOA architecture. Interviewed, hired, and managed a 3-person development team. Instituted agile development methods. Led the coding effort. Integrated hardware (touch screens, serial displays, ticket printers, ATMs, chip & pin). Oversaw nationwide rollout in UK, assisted in training and led ongoing maintenance. Presented demos and status updates to senior managers up to board level. Performed the technical due diligence that led to the purchase of DVDsOnTap, which was re-branded LOVEFiLM and grown to be Europe's leading online DVD rental service, later acquired by Amazon.

Software Developer,

Sep 1992 – Oct 2002

Worked in a variety of contract/perm C/C++ roles, building everything from mobile games to medical imaging software to Internet ad servers. Because these roles are far in the past, and to keep this resume concise, details available on request.

US Air Force, Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona, USA

Officer

Sep 1988 – Sep 1992

Transformed the Bioenvironmental Engineering field by creating a software suite to automate all manual processes. Rolled out the software and trained engineers worldwide. Commanded a 6 person team during Operation Desert Storm; built a field hospital and created a regional water testing laboratory while on a 6 month deployment in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

PROGRAMMING

Python, C, C++, Javascript, SQL, multithreading/multiprocessing, async/event-driven programming, distributed/grid computing, SOA, OOP, XML technologies, Web technologies, TCP/IP, requirements gathering, large scale software design, test-driven development, Agile methodologies.

References Available on request.