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Aug 2008 – Mar 2009

Software Engineer, Career mee.com

Career mee is an executive recruitment startup with 40+ Fortune 500 customers and 1000+ MBA graduates & alumni signed up. I was responsible for back-end Rails development, project management as Scrum master, QA (code review, usability testing, bug fixing) and maintaining Linux production servers. I also created an administration application for the business users to monitor customer activity, feature usage and many other business metrics.

Technologies: Ruby, Rails, SQL, rspec, git, jQuery, haml/sass, sphinx, postgres, passenger, Linux, TDD, Scrum

Jan – Jul 2008

Software Engineer, Plazes.com

Plazes is a web geo-location service with over 27,000 active users worldwide. I worked as a back-end developer on team of 12 where, on a daily basis, I was responsible for code review, testing, QA & bug fixing of the legacy code base. I created the authorization system, location search engine and 3rd party (eg Twitter, FireEagle) API integration. I also reviewed and improved the Scrum software process by applying the Nokia test.

Technologies: Ruby, Rails, SQL, rspec, svn, jQuery, haml/sass, postgres, tsearch, geokit, maporama, TDD, Scrum

Oct – Dec 2007

Software Engineer, MildendoSystems.com

MildendoSystems is an Irish startup providing financial software to Irish SME's. I developed a creditors & debtors control application from scratch. This involved managing the project using Scrum, graphic design & copywriting of all pages, usability testing with clients and TDD development using Rails.

Technologies: Ruby, Rails, test/unit, RJS, SQL, svn, Linux, Scrum

Jun 2006 – Aug 2007

Instructor, Dorset College, Dublin

I devised & taught 2 CIW eCommerce courses to classes of 15 students. The course consisted of building a portfolio of eCommerce web apps with Rails and 3 written exams. The syllabus included Ruby, Rails, Unix, SQL, HTML, CSS, web design, usability testing and project management.

May – Oct 2005

Software Engineer, Revenue Commissioners

The Revenue Commissioners is Ireland's tax & customs authority. I worked on ITS, the tax management application used by 7000 Revenue officials in over 100 offices. On a team of 6 developers, I was responsible for application performance and scaling. I developed performance tests & benchmarks for SQL embedded in COBOL, Java & Unix batch jobs and subsequently re-factored non-performing SQL with the DBA team.

Technologies: Java, COBOL, SQL, CVS, bash, Ingres, Solaris

May – Oct 2003

Software Engineer, Symantec

Symantec is the worlds largest computer security company employing 17,500 worldwide. I localised Norton Internet Security & Anti Spam into 5 European languages and was responsible for translation kits, configuration management, QA & bug fixing on a team of 6 developers.

Technologies: C++, Subversion, html, css, javascript, Windows, Linux

Jan 1999 – Sep 2002

Software Engineer, Clockworks International

Clockworks was a software localisation consultancy for multinational clients such as IBM, Lotus and Ricoh. I worked primarily as an on-site contractor at IBM where I was responsible for configuration management, translation kits, QA & bug fixing of Lotus Notes, QuickPlace and SameTime into 5 European languages on Windows and UNIX.

Technologies: C++, html, css, javascript, Windows, AIX, Solaris

Education

2002 – 2006

Bsc. Computer Science, Dublin City University

Awarded Microsoft research scholarship 2004.

Final year project: RSS Search Engine using Rails & Java Lucene.

April 2006

Business startup course, Fingal Enterprise Board

Syllabus included creating business plans, marketing & accounting.

May - Nov 1998

City & Guilds Software Diploma, FAS Finglas

Syllabus included C++, Unix & software testing.