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EDUCATION

Certifications:

- Microsoft:
Azure Fundamentals (No expiration date) • Azure Administrator Associate (in progress)
- Amazon Web Services (AWS):
AWS Cloud Practitioner • AWS Solutions Architect (in progress)
- Xerox Training Center
- Skillsoft:
Python • MySQL • DB Development • MongoDB • SQL • GitHub Extension for VS • Web Application Development
- FreeCodeCamp:
Web Development

Online Training Courses:

- Amazon AWS
- CareerFoundry
- CBT Nuggets
- CodeAcademy
- FreeCodeCamp
- Microsoft Virtual Training and Webinars
- Skillsoft

Degrees:

- Jefferson State Community College, Birmingham, Alabama
Associate of Science Degree in Information Systems and Software Development
Certificate in Programming

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

IT Support Technician/Systems Administrator, JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSION, Birmingham, AL,
August 2018-August 2023

- Analyzed, maintained, and monitored the on-premises datacenter, including the Unisys mainframe, during the transition to Azure Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) cloud model.
- Implemented effective backup strategies and executed commands for system modifications.
- Scheduled and managed jobs to ensure smooth operations and optimize performance.
- Provided technical support to the Help Desk by installing and troubleshooting Microsoft Office 365 on countywide systems and devices.
- Collaborated in the day-to-day responsibility of deploying security patches to countywide systems using Microsoft Endpoint Configuration Manager (MECM/SCCM/ConfigMgr).
- Developed and tested scripts, packages, and applications before deploying them to thousands of countywide systems. Monitored the progress and addressed issues by troubleshooting and relocating problematic systems to a separate collection.
- Managed updates and upgrades of Windows and O365 to the latest build versions through ConfigMgr.
- Utilized MECM/SCCM to deploy Microsoft Dynamics RDP to multiple systems and workstations.
- Administered permissions and roles for clients by utilizing Active Directory (AD) and ConfigMgr, including adding, denying, and granting access.
- Assisted in monitoring virtual machines hosted on the Azure platform.
- Spearheaded the upgrade of MECM/SCCM to the latest version, ensuring the platform remained up-to-date with the latest features and enhancements.

Digital Print Operator 2, RR DONNELLEY, Lewisville, TX, June 2015- February 2017

- Prepared files for print using advanced Raster Image Processing (RIP) techniques.
- Monitored print output from files and proactively made adjustments to ensure optimal print quality.
- Conducted routine maintenance on Xerox Docuprint 155MX and 180MX printers, including tasks such as clearing paper jams, replacing toner cartridges, restarting systems, and troubleshooting issues.
- Maintained daily print production logs, documenting and tracking print jobs, quantities, and any relevant details for accurate record-keeping.
- Managed inventory and supplies by regularly restocking and ensuring adequate availability for seamless print production operations.
- Provided assistance with bindery machines, supporting the efficient operation and completion of post-printing processes.

Preflight Technician, MSPARK, Helena, AL, February 2012- June 2014

- Conducted thorough checks on digital files received from consumers via email, cloud services, or FTP to ensure completeness and address any potential issues related to fonts, images, and formatting. Utilized Adobe Creative Suite and Enfocus Pitstop to rectify and correct any identified problems before forwarding the files for processing.
- Developed applications using AppleScript and JavaScript to optimize and streamline departmental tasks, resulting in improved efficiency and performance.
- Designed and developed advertisements and websites, combining creativity with technical expertise to deliver visually appealing and functional digital solutions.
- Conducted in-depth analysis of networking issues in the workplace, diagnosing and resolving connectivity and performance issues to ensure a reliable and efficient network infrastructure.
- Proficiently converted images to vector format, utilizing specialized tools and techniques to achieve scalable and high-quality graphics.
- Published web content with Joomla.

SKILLS AND TRAINING

- Cloud Computing (Azure, AWS)
- Web Development: HTML/CSS/SASS, JavaScript, jQuery, Angular, React, React Native
- Design and Creativity: Adobe Creative Cloud/Suite, Blender
- Programming Languages: Python, SQL, Java
- Database Management: MySQL, MongoDB, NoSQL, SQL, MariaDB
- Frameworks: Express, Django
- Development Tools: Visual Studio IDE and Code, IntelliJ, PyCharm
- Microsoft Technologies: Microsoft Endpoint Configuration Manager (MECM/SCCM), MS O365, MS Active Directory
- Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC)
- Cyber, Internet and Network Security
- Productivity Software: LibreOffice
- Server environment: Node.js, Python, PHP, Java, Perl, ASP, C#
- Analyzing and Troubleshooting
- Artificial Intelligence: Machine Learning
- Content Management System: WordPress, Joomla

PLATFORMS

- Android
- iOS
- Windows
- macOS
- Linux (Kali, Mint, Parrot OS, Ubuntu)
- Unix
- Chrome OS