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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Expert knowledge of software development with specific focus on user interfaces, web services, application architecture, and web application performance
- Experienced development manager; led Pravala's engineering organization and ship products across multiple languages, platforms (Android, Linux, Windows), and industry verticals (mobile, automotive)
- A proficient coder – frequently use JavaScript (node.js, backbone.js, react.js), C# (WPF), and Java (Android) in personal and professional projects
- Equally adept at designing and communicating complex systems, especially through intuitive diagrams
- Deep knowledge of networks and their effect on application performance; my thesis work developed a technique for decreasing web page load times over mobile (3G/4G) connections
- Driven to succeed - research, experimentation and iteration are key parts of my work ethic
- Hobbyist chef, Frisbee player, maker (primarily wood), curler, and piano student

WORK EXPERIENCE

HEAD OF NORTH AMERICAN SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT   FEB 2016 – PRESENT
CARNEGIE TECHNOLOGIES (FORMERLY PRAVALA NETWORKS - KITCHENER-WATERLOO, ONTARIO)

- Expanded my previous role with Pravala Networks after acquisition by Carnegie Technologies
- Direct Carnegie's development teams in Kitchener, Ontario and San Antonio, Texas
- Lead global application architecture across Carnegie's communications products

VP ENGINEERING   OCT 2012 – FEB 2016
LEAD PROGRAM MANAGER   MAY 2009 – OCT 2012
PRAVALA NETWORKS (KITCHENER-WATERLOO, ONTARIO)

- Responsible for all engineering activities, from hiring and technical leadership to the design and implementation of Pravala's mobile and automotive products
- Manage customer projects, with responsibility for all project aspects including requirements, schedule, architecture, development, delivery, and customer relationship
- Code Pravala's horizontally-scalable policy management server (built with node.js and PostgreSQL), web management console (HTML5/LESS/backbone.js), and Android client interface (Java)
- Often support sales activities, present to customers, analyze competing products, and discuss product strategy
- Work directly with potential customers to demonstrate product capabilities and understand market needs

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Represent Pravala in engagements with OEMs, automotive Tier-1s, and major telcos in the United States, Malaysia, Japan, Hong Kong, Indonesia, and China
- Supported Pravala's successful $9.4m Automotive Supplier Innovation Program grant from the Government of Canada, including project definition and periodic project progress reports

PROGRAM MANAGER (PM) INTERN   SEP 2008 – DEC 2008
SOFTWARE DESIGN ENGINEER (SDE) INTERN   JAN 2008 – APR 2008
MICROSOFT CORPORATION (REDMOND, WASHINGTON)

- Managed the development of a WPF/Windows 7 sample application featuring multi-touch and ribbon integration for the 2008 Microsoft Professional Developer's Conference
- Developed photoSuru, an occasionally-connected photo viewing application, to demonstrate the highly differentiated experiences developers can create using WPF
- Assisted the WPF test team in testing new features of WPF to identify bugs prior to the release of .NET 3.5 SP1

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Provided on-site support for the .NET Corporate VP's keynote demonstration of the WPF/Windows 7 sample to the 6,000 attendees present at PDC 2008
- Drove photoSuru's release to web (with full source code) at www.photosuru.com (since retired)

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

MAKERCLUB VOLUNTEER   OCT 2015 – PRESENT
THEMUSEUM (KITCHENER-WATERLOO, ONTARIO)   (VOLUNTEER)

- Assist with monthly club for children as they learn maker skills - electronics, mechanics, art, repurposing, and more

ACADEMIC REPRESENTATIVE   MAY 2006 – MAY 2009
FOR THE COMPUTER ENGINEERING CLASS OF 2009 (8 STREAM)   (VOLUNTEER)

SOFTWARE CONSULTANT   AUG 2006 – AUG 2007
SYSTEMGROUP, INC. (MISSISSAUAGA, ONTARIO)

- Responsible for developing various solution components using a range of Microsoft technologies in cooperation with clients and other consultants (C#, WPF, WCF, ASP.NET, SQL Reporting Services)
- Lead the development of a public website refresh for a not-for-profit organization

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT   JAN 2006 – APR 2006
GREATER TORONTO AIRPORTS AUTHORITY (TORONTO, ONTARIO)

- Designed and developed a web application using ASP.NET/C# to tabulate training requirements and course completions for Facilities staff to ensure that all workers were up-to-date in their training and certifications

SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT   APR 2005 – SEP 2005
HYDRO ONE NETWORKS, INC. (BARRIE, ONTARIO)

UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

MASTER OF APPLIED SCIENCE   MAY 2009 – SEP 2011
UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO – ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING

- Thesis topic: *Accelerating the Mobile Web: Just-In-Time Push Prefetching*

BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE   SEP 2004 – APR 2009
UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO – HONOURS COMPUTER ENGINEERING, WITH DISTINCTION - DEAN'S HONOURS LIST

MEMBERSHIPS AND PATENTS

ENGINEER IN TRAINING, Professional Engineers Ontario

CANADA PATENT #2791523, Accessing Local Network Resources in a Multi-Interface System

THIS RESUME IS ALSO AVAILABLE AT www.nicholasarmstrong.com/portfolio