

GIRISH PATEL

I am an IT developer with skills and experience in a broad range of languages and technologies and who is an advocate of Agile based development and DevOps practices.

I am passionate about keeping my skill set up to date, and one of my greatest strengths being the ability to learn and become proficient in new technologies quickly and to promote their use if they provide the best solution for a task.

During my career I have worked on all stages of a project life cycle, from the gathering of requirements and design stage, through to development, testing and support.

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TECHNOLOGIES

FRONT END RELATED:

JavaScript, TypeScript, HTML5, CSS3, Bootstrap, CSS Grid, Less.JS, React.JS, jQuery, AJAX, Redux

BACK END RELATED:

Node.js, Express.js, SQL, Perl, Java, Python, PHP5, ASP .Net 5, Shell Scripting, GraphQL, REST API, Redis

DEVOPS RELATED:

Jenkins, Trello, Jira, NPM, Yarn, Grunt, Gulp, Browserify, WebPack, Docker

DATABASE RELATED:

MySQL, Postgres, MongoDB, MS SQL Server, Oracle, SQLite

TESTING RELATED:

Jest, Enzyme, Selenium, Jasmine, Test::more, Test::Exception, Test::WWW::Mechanize

OPERATING SYSTEMS:

Debian, Ubuntu, RHEL, OpenSUSE, Windows 7, AIX Unix, Solaris Unix, SCO Unix, Windows Small Business Server 11

VERSION CONTROL:

GIT (BitBucket and GitHub), Subversion

CAREER HISTORY

May 2013 – Current: Close Brothers Group plc <http://www.closebrothers.com>

Role: IT Developer

Role involves the development and maintenance of the in-house built Web based Fleet Management System for Close Brothers Vehicle Hire which manages the maintenance, scheduled events, rental, legal documentation handling, billing and invoicing of over 9000 vehicles and is used daily by over 100 people.

The current project I am involved in is the modernisation and re-write of the current system and the migration from the current Monolithic Architecture to a Microservices based one. As well as development, my role in this project also involves the gathering of requirements and contributing to / influencing design and technical decisions and project planning.

June 2012 – May 2013: BehaviourWatch

<http://www.behaviourwatch.co.uk>

The company is the one of the largest providers of software to schools in the UK with contracts with over 7000 schools.

Role: Web Developer

Worked as a Developer on the BehaviourWatch site which is an advanced web-based system which allows schools to centralise their own recording systems and log incidents online, eliminating the need for paper-based reports.

May 2010 – June 2012: OPUSVL, Rugby

<http://www.opusvl.com>

A company that specialises in open source business and application solutions to companies.

Role: Web Developer

Projects include Direct Debit and Payment Management application, Infrastructure monitoring project, Time Logger Application, Giftcard/ Voucher management application, development and maintenance of The Society of London Theatre site <http://www.theatretokens.com>

2000 – February 2010: BARCLAYCARD, Northampton

Role: Analyst Programmer

The duties included Web and **UNIX** related development work and support, working on some large sometimes multi million pound projects.

Projects include Barclaycard International's expansion campaigns into numerous countries including Germany, Portugal, Greece, Spain, Italy, France, Ireland, and various African countries, most of which had budgets of millions of pounds. In these projects, my role was **Batch Automation** development which involved gathering business requirements, analysis, identifying resources requirements, providing work estimates and project plans, and the development of automated scripts. Development was done in **Unix (AIX, Solaris and SCO)**, **Linux** and **Windows** environments and **Tivoli Workload Scheduler** was used for batch automation.

1999 - 2000: COVENTRY UNIVERSITY, Coventry, UK

Role: Analyst Programmer

Projects include development of a Web based interactive learning environment whose functionality included allowing course information and material to be published by lecturers, student discussion boards, and online tests

EDUCATION:

- 1997 – 1998 De Montfort University, Leicester, UK.
MSc Information Technology.
- 1992 - 1995 University of Birmingham, Birmingham, UK.
BSc (honours) Biochemistry. Degree result: Second class (2:2)
- 1990 - 1992 Wyggeston Queen Elizabeth II college, Leicester, UK.
GCE 'A' Levels: Biology (A), Chemistry (B), Maths and Statistics (B)
- 1985 – 1990 Judgemeadow Community College, Leicester, UK.
GCSE: 8 passes including Maths and English

OTHER INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES:

I like to get involved in Open Source projects and I am currently involved in the ESFiddle Open Source project. Outside of IT, I have interest in playing Chess, 5 aside Football, Cricket, going to the gym and most things 80's.