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SOFTWARE DEVELOPER



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Profile

Ship bug-free, tested, small functional code that uses the resources of the target system carefully.

Favour convention over configuration.

Skills

Application Development

Using the right tools and TDD/BDD for the right application platform with minimal usage of system resources.

User Interface

Provide a great user experience. Less is more.

Project Management

Proven ability to lead and manage a variety of development projects in team and independent situations.

Technical

Languages

C/C++ (16 years)
Java (10 years)
HTML/CSS (18 years)
JavaScript ES6/ES7 (8 years)

Technologies

TDD/BDD
Win32/COM/WTL/ATL/WinRT
git/CI
SQL
REST Level 3 Hypermedia

Platforms

Web
Desktop
Mobile (Cordova)

Experience

evopark GmbH 
Cologne, Germany

2015-present

Fullstack Developer

Creating the architecture for SaaS based on REST Level 3 using Hypermedia responses.

- Client implemented using reactjs
- no local state, except auth token
- complete server driven application state

I am responsible for all (white-label) mobile apps and some occational front/backend server programming.

- Cordova Cross-Platform toolkit
 - reactjs & redux for visual and state management
 - developed with cutting edge ES6 features
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Strassenverkehrsamt

Zug, Switzerland

2014

Freelance Application Engineer

I designed and developed a touch and voice enabled Windows 8.1 Modern UI app for annually required technical checkups of cars, trucks, motorcycles and boats (CUFA). This version replaces the previous

Windows CE version that was also developed by me in 2011.

- HTML5/JS WinJS stack
- Usage of Promise/A for fast and fluid user experience
- Developed in CoffeeScript
- C++ WinRT components to bridge legacy voice recognition code

doo GmbH

Bonn, Germany

2012-2014

Lead Programmer Windows Versions

I designed the basic structure of the Windows Desktop and Store (Metro) Apps. We used extensive github pull-request based code review and automatic testing using TeamCity.

Desktop Version (C++)

- Initially planned as Windows Shell Extension
- Final version was a fat client based on Qt 5.2
- Component based (SOA), created a simplified OSGi like component framework
- Highly async with the usage of Qt's signal/slots mechanism

Windows Store App (HTML/JavaScript/C++)

- Cross-Platform for x64, x86 and ARM
- Usage of high performant SQLite3, Zip and Data Analyzing WinRT Components written in C++
- Optimized for "fast-and-fluid" philosophy of Windows 8
- Integrating into Windows 8 contracts like search, protocol handlers, secondary tiles and background sync

recommind Inc.

Bonn, Germany

2005-2013

Freelance Connector & Product Developer

DMS connector (Java)

Bridging COM based DMS to Java using JNI/JNA and a custom JNI/C++ wrapper that allowed us to use C++ directly in Java and vice versa.

QwikFind (C++)

Windows Shell toolbar integration and popup for searching indexed data.

- Scriptable COM based implementation
- Alpha-blended GDI+ based popup interface
- Optimized for minimal deploy and runtime size

topsystem GmbH

Wuerselen, Germany

2004-Present

Freelance Lead Application Developer

Voice & Touch based picking solutions for logistics

CheckByVoice

Voice based car checking.

- Windows CE 6.0 based
- Custom UI using WTL
- Highly optimized for devices low memory and slow graphical unit

Customized voice recognition apps (C++)

In close cooperation with the customer and other project parties I developed more than a dozen customized versions for different warehouse needs and backends.

- DB2, MSSQL, SAP WM

Control Center (Java)

I was the lead architect of the new control center software for all voice recognition based software of the company. The software allowed to monitor the daily routine, picking and alteration of the workflow for each picker.

- Eclipse RCP, OSGi based
- Integration of various barcode/imaging and high precision scale hardware
- JPA for database access
- User roles management
- ActiveSync Java Integration

XML Server Gateway (Java)

Created a common XML interface to communicate with various backend servers (DB,SAP) in a fault resistant way.

Freelance casual games developer

2004-2008

Scriptable casual games in C++, incl one for a German Late Night TV show.

Customized Installers for various budget games

2003-2004

Customized, graphical installers for Win32 budget games and screensaver collections.

Westka GmbH

Cologne, Germany

2001-2002

Senior Game Developer

Race Tracks Unlimited RTS (C++)

Senior programmer responsible for basic core code, game logic and GUI

BlueByte GmbH

Muelheim/Ruhr, Germany

Apr 2000 - Mar 2001

Game Data Wizard

The Settlers IV (C++)

- Converting raw image data into sprite formats
- Specing game data in various editors, compiling final game data set

Tools Programmer (C++)

- AlienBrain Asset Manager IE/COM based plugins
- Executable map/savegame stub that displayed the map/savegame screenshot when started in less than 10kb

Release Build Engineer

- Preparing CD masters and Gold Master for production
- Creation of a custom InstallShield installer with game themed UI and background music during installation