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Summary

My expertise lies in technical communication, and project and program management, with a focus on delivering clear, effective documentation. I'm experienced in community management and open source software development, where I engage and connect both the community and corporate contributors.

Additionally, I'm skilled in technical translation, working within open source translation communities to make software and documentation accessible worldwide.

Work experience

8/2018–9/2023	**Documentation Program Manager, Red Hat**	Brno, Czechia

- Reintegrated a writing group for Red Hat Enterprise Virtualization, transforming it into an agile team.
- Developed new workflows for the team, mentored team members, including writers and project managers, to help them succeed in the new agile-driven environment.
- Responsible for release management, and task planning and tracking.
- Integrated various cloud native products into an umbrella Jira-centered project encompassing the broad area of OpenShift developer tools. This included DevOps, monitoring, logging, and cloud IDE Eclipse Che.
- *Project Management · Program Management · Agile & Waterfall Methodologies · Jira*

3/2015–8/2018	**Senior Technical Writer, Red Hat**	Brno, Czechia

- Developed content strategy for single-sourcing desktop and OpenStack documentation to be delivered in both community and enterprise products.

- Worked on transforming CloudForms content into topic-based documentation using a new docs-as-code toolchain based on Asciidoc.

- *Content Strategy · Topic-based Authoring · AsciiDoc · Sphinx*

4/2011–3/201
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Technical Writer II

Brno,
Czechia

- Developed content for broad areas of Linux platform and cloud products, including package, identity and access management, and desktop on Red Hat Enterprise Linux.

- Acted as a docs lead for the desktop documentation area, establishing single source workflows and engaging the GNOME and Fedora documentation and translation communities.

- *Linux · DocBook · XML · Technical Writing · Bash · Git · Single Sourcing · Content Management*

Projects

8/2017–3/201
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Documentation Project Team Lead, OpenStack

- Elected Project Team Lead of the OpenStack Documentation Project by the OpenStack community.

- Responsible for documentation release management, community engagement, writers mentorship. Represented the documentation project by running documentation sessions at the OpenStack summits and Project Team Gatherings.

- As a writer, maintained Red Hat-specific content provided by the OpenStack Documentation Project.

- Collaborated on maintaining and building the OpenStack documentation site.

- Co-maintained the RDO project site.

- *Coaching & Mentoring · Release Management · Community Management · Community Engagement*

8/2017–Pres
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Lead, GNOME Documentation Project

4/2010–Pres
ent

Member of the GNOME Translation Project Coordination Team, GNOME

2007–3/2018

Czech Translation Team Coordinator, GNOME Translation Project

Education

2015–2018   **Masaryk University**   Brno,
                                                                                          Czechia

- Bachelor of Arts — BA, Information and Library Studies

Certificates

- Red Hat Certified System Administrator (RHCSA), issued 9/2012

Languages

- English — full professional proficiency
- Czech — native proficiency