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Personal Statement

A highly experienced IT professional with 15 years' expertise in Java programming. Skilled in all phases of the software development lifecycle—from requirements gathering through to implementation, testing, and maintenance. Began career as a COBOL programmer, transitioning into modern Java-based projects. Has a proven track record in delivering robust, enterprise-level software solutions across insurance, banking, and aerospace sectors.

Key Skills

- Programming Languages: Java (expert), COBOL (legacy systems), SQL
- Frameworks and Tools: Spring, Hibernate, Maven, JUnit, Git
- Methodologies: Agile (Scrum), Waterfall, Test-Driven Development (TDD)
- Software Development Lifecycle: Requirements analysis, design, coding, testing, deployment, maintenance
- Other Skills: Leadership, mentoring junior developers, problem-solving, stakeholder communication

Professional Experience

Senior Java Developer

ABC Insurance (London, UK) | 2018 – Present

- Led a team of developers maintaining a core insurance application built on Java and Spring frameworks.
- Oversaw end-to-end software lifecycle to ensure timely delivery of new features and fixes.
- Trained and mentored junior developers on best practices in Java, coding standards, and testing.
- Collaborated with business analysts and QA teams to refine requirements and improve delivery efficiency.

Java Developer

XYZ Banking (London, UK) | 2013 – 2018

- Developed and supported high-availability banking applications, integrating external payment services.
- Assisted in modernising legacy COBOL modules into Java, improving system scalability and

performance.

- Employed Agile practices, including daily stand-ups, sprint planning, and retrospectives.
- Coordinated with cross-functional teams to ensure seamless deployment and post-release support.

COBOL Programmer / Junior Java Developer

DEF Aerospace (Bristol, UK) | 2008 – 2013

- Maintained COBOL-based systems used for flight data management.
- Gained experience in Java by migrating certain modules to a modern Java-based architecture.
- Participated in all phases of the development lifecycle, including requirements gathering, coding, testing, and documentation.
- Ensured legacy and newer systems interfaced smoothly by collaborating with systems engineers and testers.

Education & Certifications

- BSc (Hons) in Computer Science, University of Manchester (2004 – 2007)
- Oracle Certified Professional, Java SE (2010)
- Scrum Master Certification (2015)

Additional Information

- Adept at communicating complex technical details to non-technical stakeholders.
- Skilled in Agile, Waterfall, and hybrid development processes, ensuring flexible responses to changing requirements.
- Passionate about mentorship and professional development; regularly collaborates on open-source Java projects.

References

Available upon request.