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ABOUT ME

*I'm an **IT Professional and Digital Innovator** with over 25 years of diverse **corporate** experience in application development, enterprise architecture, and strategic planning and portfolio governance.*

I also have a passion in the development of applications that bridge technologies such as Mixed reality, and Voice with back-end Cloud API/Database solutions.

With a strong innovation mindset, I lead by demonstration - researching cutting edge technologies and establishing proof of concepts that provide business value.

SKILLS

- Innovation leader
- Technical mentor
- Effective communicator
- Strategic planning and portfolio governance
- Enterprise Content Management platforms
- (C#, Java, AWS, Unity3D, Blender)

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Computer Science
Florida Atlantic University

AWARDS

AET Digital Exchange innovation 2015- *Awarded first place for an innovative eLearning solution using Oculus Rift/Virtual Reality to provide bite-sized video training in a distraction free fully immersed environment.*

AET Gold Excellence 2006 - *One of 65 recipients (out of 565 technology focused candidates) personally recognized for driving results, demonstrating leadership and delivering value to American Express.*

AXP Chairman's Award 2000, *Top project (Project Repay).*

EXPERIENCE

Staff Engineer

American Express, Sunrise, Florida (April 2016 – present)

Responsible for evolving key American Express Accounts Receivable mainframe and distributed platforms to IaaS/PaaS cloud-based architectures. Additionally, drove the platform's API exposure and CICD maturity.

- Worked with Global Statements team to POC, refactor and begin migration of complex M/F centric application onto the PaaS/Cloud environment.
- Establish a PDF cache repository for hosting Disclosures content for electronic consented Card members, as the first customer of Amex's Cloud based elastic Cloud Storage platform.
- Delivered the first external Statement request flow ('Project Halifax') - allowing over 700k newly acquired Citi customers to obtain copies of prior year statements.

Director of Technical Architecture/Staff Architect

American Express, Plantation, Florida (Oct 2013 – Mar 2016)

Drove strategic architecture, and governance for key World Service and Global Credit Administration platforms: **Enterprise Content Management/Imaging, Digital Mailroom, Learning Network, Performance/Workforce & Knowledge Management**.

- Led creation and refresh of the portfolio's roadmaps and blueprints, influencing and steering approximately ~$10-20MM annual SQP investment for the collective portfolio and ~$6-10MM in annual AIU (Infrastructure uplift) needs.
- Team lead in working with Enterprise Architecture to establish the Servicing Company Platform and its 22+ Technical Platforms, including all metrics/goals for over 250+ individual applications.

Lead Technical Architect

American Express, Weston, Florida (2005 – Oct 2013)

- Led migration of a large-scale Document management platform.
- Implemented a SaaS Fax solution for American Express using AT&T/Easylink, defining contractual arrangements and the end to end delivery.
- Architected iVu (Image Viewer Utility), a 2-tier .NET Web Application viewer, providing access to over 35+ repositories housing over 1B documents.
- Designed and built UCID (Universal Customer ID), a Blaze rules-based solution enabling a consistent customer experience in identification verification at point of call.
- Led "Project Repay", building a process allowing 3rd party payment processors a way to upload approximately 500k new customer remit/check images per day for storage in Amex's Document Imaging platforms.