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Profile

I am looking for a new opportunity to step back in to making regular contributions to on-going product development as a senior engineer.

On my most recent two projects at iVendi and PwC I have been working with teams to design and implement systems that follow the event sourcing architectural pattern. My work with teams has focussed on:

- Understanding event sourcing, the benefits, and drawbacks that it brings
- Designing aggregates and API abstractions that match and enhance business value
- Designing and implementing automated build, test and deployment strategies, and implementing code that is compatible with these strategies (e.g. what to do in the event of a data store change)
- Designing and implementing sustainable and extendable support components (e.g. ACLs, projectors, etc.)
- Making code performant such as load testing (using JMeter) and performance profiling (using JetBrains dotTrace)
- Making code resilient using tools such as Polly and Serilog
- Documenting design decisions using Architectural Decision Records (ADRs)

Over this time the pace of change in technology has continued to accelerate and I have worked hard to ensure that my technical skills remain up to date. During my time leading teams, I have worked directly with the following tools:

- .net core 3.1
- Docker/Kubernetes
- Azure
 - Cosmos DB via MongoDB API
 - Functions
 - AppService
 - ServiceBus
 - AppInsights
- Powershell
- JetBrains TeamCity
- Azure DevOps
- Github Actions

Work History

PwC – Workstream Lead – Global Tax Technology Team – January 2020 – Onwards

- Took on technical leadership of remote team based in Luxembourg
- Brought development of key product back into line with expected technical norms after a long period of very limited guidance
- Coached and mentored team in the important attributes of working as a product team, e.g. focussing on items requested by product owner, asking questions and agreeing resolutions early, etc.
- Coached product owner in how to work with a product team, e.g. the need for regular touch points with the team, regular expectation setting, etc.
- Worked on Proof of Concept for transforming the platform into a true global application, instead of multiple isolated instances

iVendi Ltd, Salford Quays – Principal Developer/Directorate Technical Lead – March 2019-December 2019

- Providing technical leadership to two teams

- Working with teams and the business to formulate and agree KPIs
- Mentoring team leads to help them get the best from their teams and achieve the results required by the business
- Continue to assist teams outside of my directorate to deliver key software for new client
- Assisting team leads by providing back-up mentoring for new North Coders graduates

iVendi Ltd, Salford Quays – Principal Developer – January 2019-March 2019

On The Beach Group plc, Cheadle – Senior .NET Developer/Team Lead – Principal Software Engineer (.NET) (Lead) – January 2016-December 2018

- My team was responsible for the Beds system (used to manage room bookings and contracts) and the Transfers system (used to manage airport transfer bookings and contracts) which between them process bookings covering ~70% of the business revenues
- From January 2016-January 2018 I acted as Product Owner; January 2018-October 2018 I worked with the Head Product Owner and between October and December 2018 with a dedicated product owner to determine priorities, understand future business direction and manage expectations.
- I worked with the team to help them shape the Kanban-based agile processes the team used through regular retrospectives

On The Beach Group plc, Cheadle - .NET Developer – October 2015-January 2016

Sabbatical (following birth of second child) – June 2015-October 2015

Havas Health Software, Manchester – Contract – April 2014-June 2015 (renewed three times)

Ukash/Smart Voucher Ltd, Cheshire – Contract – March 2013-March 2014 (renewed twice)

Swinton Insurance Ltd, Manchester – November 2011-March 2013

Intechnica LLP, Manchester – October 2010-November 2011

2Ergo Ltd, Salford Quays – June 2010-September 2010

PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) LLP, UK IT Design and Build (D&B), Manchester – July 2004-June 2010

Radius Computer Services Ltd, Altrincham – September 1998-July 2004

Technical Architecture Experience

- On the Beach 2015-December 2018
- iVendi – January 2019 – September 2019
- PwC – January 2020 - Present

Other Work Related Experience

- 5th March, 2019 – DNN Lightning Talks – An Introduction to Event Sourcing – <http://bit.ly/dnn-sh-es>

Education

- Technical Specialist: Web Applications Development with Microsoft .NET Framework 4 (70-515) – May 2011
- Microsoft Certified Application Developer – June 2004
Transcript viewable at <https://mcp.microsoft.com/authenticate/validate/mcp.aspx> (Transcript ID: 663027; Access code: 1976Sh0804).
- University of Central Lancashire – BSc Software Engineering (Hons) 2:II – July 1998
- University of Central Lancashire – HND Software Engineering – July 1996