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Web applications engineer / Drupal developer - 8 years experience

Work experience

Internews Europe (London, United Kindom – Since 2013, Paris, France – 2009/2013)
Web application engineer for an international NGO (www.internews.eu)
Areas of work : Online freedom of expression, support of local media, digital security

Planning, designing, delivering, managing & supporting multilingual web applications.
   Writing user stories, functional & technical specifications during inception & design phases.
   Writing RFPs & terms of reference. Managing external contractors when outsourcing developments.
   Developing & maintaining custom modules & plug-ins. Integration with third party providers APIs.
   Writing documentation for users. Managing localizations, training & support with project teams.
→ *Technologies : Drupal (6&7), XML/JSON, PHP, MySQL, Solr, Python, Java.*

Managing technical resources & back-office infrastructures.
   Managing & deploying back-offices for projects ICT activities, including web platforms, secure & anti-DDoS hosting & video platforms. Provisioning & monitoring cloud infrastructure.
→ *Technologies : LEMP/LAMP, Nginx, Aegir (& B.O.A), Saltstack, AWS, Collectd, Virtualmin, Vagrant.*

Providing innovation & technology inputs at programmatic & organization level.
   Participating to fund-raising efforts & proposal writing, budgeting technology components.
   Performing innovation watch, identifying new trends, researches and technologies.

Delivering trainings & trainings of trainers on various ICT topics
   Preparing sessions supports based on curricula. Leading & facilitating online & in-person sessions.
   Content management systems & web site buildings for civil society organizations Trainers in Iraq.
   Training of trainers on digital security for human rights defenders activists in West Africa.
   Secure online communications with activists & journalists in Europe.

Hellotipi.com (Paris, France – 2008)
Web engineer for a social networking service designed for a family use (www.hellotipi.com)

   Developed and implemented new features (video sharing, photo tagging, registration process).
→ *Technologies : Debian/Apache/MySQL/PHP5 (MVC), XML, Jquery, Ffmpeg.*

Fondation KASA (Yerevan, Armenia – 2006/2007)
ICT projects manager for a local NGO in Armenia (www.kasa.am)

Coordinated Computer trainings in youth training centers.
   Developed activities in 2 major cities. Recruited of a local team. Provided technical support for training.
   and social programs. Participated to feasibility studies & design for country-wide internet projects.

Valeo Thermal Systems (Paris, France – 2005)
Assistant manager for e-training IT projects for an international training center (www.valeo.com)

   Designed & implemented new tools for course supports creation (virtual classes, e-learning modules).
→ *Technologies : Flash, PHP/XML, SQL Server, MS Access, Adobe Connect.*

Education

Ecole Supérieure d'Informatique, Electronique, Automatique (Paris, France – 2001/2005)
5 years engineering school in information technologies & electronics *(www.esiea.fr)*.
Master of Science diploma equivalent. Graduated with first class honors.

Foreign languages

French : Mother tongue
English : Fluent

Spanish : Basic level
Arabic, Armenian : Notions

Fields of interest

Photo shooting – concert, urban scenes and travel, film, digital *(www.followtheway.info)*,
Music enthusiast – writing for musical blog spotting new artists *(www.freshnewsound.org)*
Volunteer missions in Africa (with La Guilde NGO, 2004/2005)