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LEAD DEVELOPER

Results-driven Lead Developer with extensive experience in designing and implementing scalable applications using Java, React, Spring, web services, and authentication/authorization frameworks. Passionate about coding, innovating, optimizing system performance, and delivering high-quality solutions. Adept at integrating modern technologies to build secure, efficient, and maintainable software. Proven leadership in agile development and mentoring teams to achieve technical excellence.

KEY SKILLS & TECHNOLOGIES

Programming Languages	Java, React, JavaScript, Spring, JSP, PL/SQL, COBOL
Web Technologies	RESTful APIs, Web Services (SOAP/XML, JAX-RS), jQuery, jQWidgets
Scripting & DevOps	Ansible, YAML
Databases	Oracle, PostgreSQL, Supabase, SQL Server, DB2
Middleware & Platforms	WebSphere, Tomcat, Vite, Jetspeed, Oracle WebLogic
Developer Tools	VSCode, Eclipse, Postman, SQL Developer
Version Control	GitHub, Subversion
Queuing	JMS, IBM MQ Series
Operating Systems	Unix (Solaris), Windows, MacOS, IBM Mainframe

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS & MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Spearheaded the Vendor Portal project, managing 10 developers and 5 contractors, delivering 50+ applications, enabling 24/7 vendor access, and initially saving the company over $1 million.
  - Improved speed to market by 30% (Bulk and Single Item Setup applications).
  - Improved collaboration and increased efficiency generated additional $1 million in SG&A savings (Add/Primary Supplier, Modeling, Procurement, Web Availability applications).
  - COGS savings due to better cost management and inventory effectiveness, which helps the cash conversion cycle, saves the company millions annually (Cost List application).
  - Increased operating effectiveness by 10%, customer experience and reduced compliance fines (Hazmat, COO and Tariff workflow applications).
  - Created Client Portal (Supply Chain Services application) enabling new item creation and maintenance to support the launch of Veyer Logisitics which provides fulfillment, distribution and transportation services and brings in sales of $1.1B in 2024.
- Led a team of six developers in an Agile environment, successfully completing 25+ sprints and delivering business-critical enhancements.
- Using "Extreme Programming" methodology, modernized legacy CICS applications, web-enabling 2,500+ screens, reducing costs by $2 million.
- Renegotiated IBM contracts, reducing annual licensing costs by $500K.
- Implemented Jetspeed Open-Source Portal, reducing annual expenses by $250K.
- Developed a Fleet Planning System using predictive modeling, optimizing fleet movement and reducing operational expenses by 20%.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Office Depot, Boca Raton, US   **1996 - 2024**

Lead Developer (Remote)   **2007 - 2024**

- Created a workflow engine (Database and API), which controls the approval/decline capabilities of many applications (20+).
- Designed and built RESTful web services for item management and corporate SOA platform.
- Led development of the Vendor Portal, integrating GS1 data and improving sourcing efficiency.
- Implemented data sync jobs for external GSO System.
- Enhanced transportation applications using Spring, PL/SQL, and jQWidgets for business-critical operations.
- Converted 30+ web applications into JSR-168 portlets for WebSphere Portal.
- Maintained 100% uptime of Vendor Portal for many years through rigorous testing and code reviews.
- Created a reusable Ajax and Struts framework, used in 100+ applications.

IT Consultant (Internal Position)   **2004 - 2007**

- Migrated legacy COBOL applications to Java for integration into Retek modules.
- Led WebSphere 4.x to 6.x migration for 15+ websites.
- Implemented best practices and technical standards for Merchandising IT systems.

Senior Manager, Systems Development   **2000 - 2004**

- Managed 10 developers, supporting Merchandising Systems (Item Setup, Content, Coupons).
- Led transition from DB2 to Oracle Retek RMS, redesigning workflow for efficiency.
- Introduced open-source tools (Eclipse, Tomcat, SVN) to improve development workflows.

Manager, Systems Development   **1996 - 2000**

- Web-enabled 50+ CICS applications across finance, warehousing, and supply chain.
- Managed 5 developers, converting legacy financial applications for Y2K compliance.

Alamo Rent A Car, Fort Lauderdale, US   **1992 - 1996**
Director of Fleet Planning

- Designed and implemented fleet modeling systems, optimizing vehicle utilization.
- Built statistical modeling applications to enhance rental car allocation efficiency.

EDUCATION

Florida International University   **1992 - 1994**
Master of Accounting

- Systems Specialty in two years while working 60+ hours/week!

University of Florida   **1987 - 1992**
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

- Triple Major: Computer & Information Sciences, Decision Support Systems, Accounting