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LEAD DEVELOPER

Craft Clean, Scalable Code & Lead Agile Teams to Turn Bold Ideas into Powerful Solutions

Results-driven problem solver 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.

Software Engineering | Project Management | Vendor & Client Portal Development System Migrations & Upgrades | Workflow Automation & Process Optimization Data Integration | Agile & Scrum Methodologies

KEY SKILLS & TECHNOLOGIES

Programming Languages: Java, React, JavaScript, Spring, Go, PL/SQL

Web Technologies: RESTful APIs, Web Services (SOAP/XML, JAX-RS), jQuery, jQWidgets, HTML/CSS

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

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS & MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Spearheaded vendor portal project, managing 10 developers and 5 contractors, delivering 50+ applications, enabling 24/7 vendor access, and initially saving company over \$1M.
 - Accelerated speed to market by 30% (Bulk and Single Item Setup applications).
 - Improved collaboration and increased efficiency, generating additional \$1M in SG&A savings (Add / Primary Supplier, Modeling, Procurement, and Web Availability applications).
 - Optimized cost management and inventory effectiveness, improving cash conversion cycle and achieving annual COGS savings of millions annually (Cost List application).
 - Increased operating effectiveness by 10%, improved 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 launch of Veyer Logistics, which provided fulfillment, distribution, and transportation services and generated sales of \$1.1B in 2024.
- Led team of 6 developers in an Agile environment, successfully completing 25+ sprints and delivering businesscritical enhancements.
- Renegotiated IBM contracts, decreasing annual licensing costs by \$500K.
- Leveraged "Extreme Programming" methodology to modernize legacy CICS applications and web-enable 2.5K+ screens, reducing costs by \$2M.
- Reduced annual expenses by \$250K through implementation of Jetspeed Open-Source Portal.
- Developed fleet planning system using predictive modeling, optimizing fleet movement and cutting operational expenses by 20%.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

OFFICE DEPOT, Boca Raton, FL

Lead Developer (Remote)

2007 - 2024

Led end-to-end development of enterprise applications with focus on scalable architecture, system integration, and team leadership in fast-paced, Agile environment supporting supply chain and vendor operations.

- Created centralized workflow engine (including database and API) that streamlined approval and decline
 processes across 20+ business applications, resulting in consistent decision logic, reduced manual errors, and
 faster processing times.
- Designed and built RESTful web services for item management, enabling seamless, standardized access to item data across multiple systems and platforms.
- Drove development of vendor portal, integrating GS1 data and improving sourcing efficiency.
- Implemented data synchronization jobs with external global supply organization (GSO), enabling reliable, automated updates between internal and external systems.
- Enhanced transportation applications using Spring, PL/SQL, and iQWidgets for business-critical operations.
- Converted 30+ standalone web applications into JSR-168-compliant portlets for integration within WebSphere Portal platform, streamlining user access, reducing maintenance costs, and improving application reusability and scalability.
- Maintained 100% uptime of vendor portal for many years through rigorous testing and code reviews.
- Standardized development practices across the organization by creating reusable Ajax and Struts framework used in 100+ applications.

ADDITIONAL RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

OFFICE DEPOT, Boca Raton, FL

IT Consultant (Internal Position)

Provided technical leadership during major systems transitions, focusing on modernizing legacy systems, integrating Java technologies, and optimizing web infrastructure for merchandising solutions.

Senior Manager, Systems Development

Directed application development and system support for merchandising functions. Oversaw team operations, system upgrades, and vendor transitions while introducing modern tools and methodologies. Provided leadership and direction for team of 10 developers.

Manager, Systems Development

Managed development and conversion projects focused on legacy system updates, Y2K compliance, and webenablement of core applications across finance and logistics functions. Led team of 5 developers.

ALAMO RENT A CAR, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Director of Fleet Planning

Led design and implementation of analytics-based systems to optimize fleet utilization, improve operational efficiency, and enhance data-driven decision-making across nationwide rental operations.

EDUCATION

Master of Accounting (MACC), Systems Specialty, Florida International University, Miami, FL

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA), Triple Major: Computer & Information Sciences,
Decision Support Systems, & Accounting, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL