

Summary

- Degree educated, mature IT Technical Strategy Consultant and Infrastructure Solutions Architect with 23 years IT experience mainly within "IT Production"
- Capable of discussing Technical topics with specialists & presenting Strategic issues to Senior Management.
- Self-motivated, works well within "matrix" or "virtual team" structures involving different cultures & backgrounds, including Developers, Infrastructure and Clients.

Key Skills

- High Level IT Strategy and Technical Architecture Solutions
- Infrastructure Technical Design and Architecture, and Documentation capture.
- Assessment of and Technical Reviews of Products and Technologies for Operational Suitability.
- Good Communication and Influencing skills, both at Technical and Business level.
- Understanding of Linux, Unix (Sun, TRU64, HP, AIX) (some Windows), Ingres, Oracle, Sybase (some SQL Server), NAS & SAN (Netapp, EMC), J2EE (Apache Tomcat, some Websphere).

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Consultancy Achievements

Xchanging (Dec 2005 – Jul 2006) [Outsourcing of Insurance, Manufacturing and Financial Services]

Technical Architect and Configuration Management

- Established Global IT Infrastructure Standards and standards compliance approach.
- Technical Review of systems to determine suitability for Operations.
- Design of enterprise-wide multi-site DR and Storage strategy for multi-tier web application
- Contributed to medium- and long-term roadmap for multiple web-based applications.
- Capture of server and application documentation from various sources, to create a Configuration Management Database (CMDB) for input to Change, Release and Configuration management processes.
- Sponsored deployment of automatic Discovery tools to identify hardware configurations.
- Input to Datacentre Migration project.

Allianz Cornhill (Jan – Aug 2005) [Insurance]

Senior Technical Consultant

- Part of a team of Consultants assisting the company to migrate IT development from a Mainframe environment to J2EE Websphere and MQ, within a Service Oriented Architecture (SOA).
- Assessing the proposed n-tier J2EE design against Operational Suitability criteria, and provided feedback to development team.
- Including implementation of IBM Rational tools and processes, architecture validation for production worthiness.

BNP Paribas (Mar 2002 – Aug 2004) [Investment Banking]

Head of Project Office, Business Delivery Services

- Facilitated the coordination of IT Production technical activity between London and Paris Production teams, and ensured a common approach to technical issues, both for new Projects and Live Production.
- Promoted Best Practice for Project Management, particularly Project Initiation and validation of Technical choice, and formal Project Closure.

BNP Paribas (Dec 1999 – Feb 2002) [Investment Banking]

Head of ITP Technical Strategy & Architecture

- Created, Recruited and Managed the first IT Production Technical Strategy and Architecture team.
- Defined and published the UK Infrastructure Standards and Strategy to meet future requirements.
- Contributed to Establishing Global Standards for Technology and building consensus between different teams within the organisation. Frequent travel between London & Paris to act as liaison on Standards and Practice.
- Managed the publication and implementation of "White Papers" on technical trends (Linux, Wide-area Storage, Middleware, merger of Compaq-HP etc.) with Strategy recommendations.
- Storage Area Networking and Datacentre Strategies.
- Input to Server Consolidation Strategy & Approach and e-Commerce Infrastructure.

Banque Paribas Capital Markets (Mar 1998 – Nov 1999) [Investment Banking]

DBA (Monitoring Systems) / Database Administration

- Contributed to Pro-Active Capacity Planning and Sizing recommendations for new Projects and existing Infrastructure growth.
- Member of multi-disciplinary team providing Infrastructure expertise to developers to ensure that solutions addressed business needs.

Common Sense Computing / Quest Software (1994 – Feb 1998) [Infrastructure Management Software House]

UK Business Manager / Consultant / Technical Support Manager

- Assisted in the specification and development of IT solutions for Infrastructure management and monitoring.
- Delivered hands-on Consultancy on the companies database management tools, and the processes required to implement them.
- Provided Strategic technical direction for the UK Company, based on Customer feedback, and technical analysis.

Barclays Commercial Services (1990-1994) [Finance]

Technical Project Consultant

- "Lifeboat" Project manager for project migrating from VMS flat files to relational database. Took project from user resistance to full user acceptance.
- Defined IT Production deployment requirements for new applications.
- Initiated processes and procedures for software version control and data schema version control.

Empire Paper Mill (1989-1990) [Manufacturing]

Computer Systems Manager.

- Migration of Sales Admin system from old parent company site to the new datacentre. Full P&L responsibility for Project which included the datacentre, hardware and software, delivered on time on budget.

Arbuthnot Factors (1983-1989) [Finance]

VMS Systems Manager, Analyst Programmer, Trainee Programmer

- Responsible for implementation of one of the earliest VMS-Clusters in the South-East of England. Including design and development of solutions to accommodate the restrictions of Clustering technology.

Additional Experience

Midland Bank plc (1979-1983) [Banking]

Graduate Trainee Manager, Head of Security,

- Analysis of P&L, Balance Sheet and Cash Flow, Corporate lending assessments.

Professional Membership

- Chartered IT Professional Member of the British Computer Society, and "ELITE" member.
- Associate Member of the Institute of Quality Assurance
- Member of the HP Users Group for many years (including running one-day training seminar)
- Member of the UK Oracle Users Group (Several Speaking engagements recently)

Educational Details

IT and other Courses

Technology: J2EE Fundamentals. Rational ClearCase UCM. Rational Requisite Pro. Niku Administration, Sybase DBA. Open-Ingres features. Ingres DBA. VMS Systems Management. VMS Security. VMS Performance Tuning. VMS Internals, Excel.

Process: ITIL Foundation, Prince 2 Foundation. PKI Security Principles. Developing Performance Applications. Professional Programming.

Banking: Accountancy, International Trade, Management Theory.

Languages: Business French (CFP & DELF access)

University of Keele (1976-79)

BSc. 1st Class Hons in Maths, Economics, Computer Science & Greek Studies.