

CURRICULUM VITAE

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SUMMARY

A customer-focussed Solutions Architect with a strong engineering background and 9+ years' experience working on large IT platforms. Proven technical leader and mentor, skilled at communicating with all organisational levels in fast-paced agile businesses. Experienced in delivering highly available, fault-tolerant systems in regulated and licensed industries using on-premise and cloud-based technologies. Keen advocate of open-source technologies and communities.

CURRENT STATUS

Sky Betting & Gaming

Solutions Architect

2016–Present

Leeds, West Yorkshire

- Responsible for major Sky Poker replatform project working with third parties and all business functions
- Technical oversight of compliance initiatives including GDPR, PCI DSS and vulnerability management
- Working with new and existing external vendors providing supporting services and delivery capability
- Collaboration with teams delivering central Account and Wallet services to align strategy and roadmaps
- Incident Commander providing measured support to on-call teams during incidents and major events
- Working with heads of technology, product and marketing to align business and technical needs
- Mentor to other architects and engineers in teams across gaming products

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Sky Betting & Gaming

Engineering Manager

2014–2016

Leeds, West Yorkshire

- Management of multiple development teams delivering Sky Gaming services and applications
- Provided leadership for Software Engineers, Testers and DevOps Engineers
- SDLC governance of delivery mechanisms, continuous deployment and operational support
- Worked with Architects and Service Delivery Managers to manage third-party vendor relationships
- Responsible for recruitment and retention of diverse-skill teams working closely with Talent Recruiters
- Key advocate for corporate open-source contribution and technical community involvement

Sky Betting & Gaming

Senior Software Engineer / Principal Engineer (Aug 2014)

2012–2014

Leeds, West Yorkshire

- Technical lead for Sky Poker in-house development team
- Delivery and support of Rich Internet Applications in a virtualised LAMP environment
- Technical liaison for third-party integration and software architecture
- Close involvement with stakeholders to define product roadmap and strategic direction
- Collaborated with Platform and Service Operations teams to ensure high availability
- Worked with Architects to evolve company technical roadmap

Everything Everywhere

Senior Software Engineer

2009–2012

Darlington, County Durham

- Development and maintenance of applications using Zend Framework
- Project planning with stakeholders to define project scope
- End-to-end accountability for projects from design to launch
- Participation and leadership of daily stand-ups, planning meetings and sprint retrospectives
- Active involvement with evolution of CI and code analysis tools
- Design authority and development of standards for RESTful Web services
- Involvement with team recruitment process (interviewing / technical tests)

Vebra Solutions

Developer

2007–2009

Pocklington, North Yorkshire

- Development of PHP property management system and Ajax-driven UI framework
- Refactoring of existing implementation for cross-browser compatibility
- Maintenance of LAMP platform, CVS codebase, coding standards and Bugzilla

QUALIFICATIONS

Manager HD Programme

Institute of Leadership & Management

April 2015

- ILM: Distinction

Practitioner in Enterprise & Solution Architecture

British Computer Society

December 2013

- AMBCS: Intermediate and Practitioner Certificates

Master of Science (Research)

Faculty of Science

2006–2009

University of Durham

- Thesis: “Guessing Numbers Based on Network Routing Capacity”
- Supervisor: Stephan Dantchev

Bachelor of Science

College of St. Hild and St. Bede

2003–2006

University of Durham

- Upper Second-Class Honours (2:1)
- B.Sc. Natural Sciences (Computer Science & Mathematics)

PERSONAL INTERESTS

- Programming (contribution to a number of open-source projects)
- Rock climbing
- Snowboarding
- Cycling / mountain biking
- Languages (French, learning Polish)
- Music (electric guitar, live music)