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An experienced security cleared, dynamic technical director/manager with over 20 years of hands on experience, gained in worldwide blue chip organisations and with start-up companies, covering many sectors from the enterprise through to social media and ecommerce, utilising various technologies including Open Source solutions.

Major strengths include:

- *Integration of project and programme management and technical development with hands on experience, to produce innovative solutions with a strong customer focus.*
- *Able to bring together the right people to build the correct strategies for the customer.*
- *Building teams bringing together the right people and skills.*
- *A proven track record of delivering projects which utilise the most appropriate technologies for the task at hand, achieved by effective communication at all levels.*
- *Skilled at leading, motivating and developing teams within the full project lifecycle.*
- *Able to trouble shoot projects which are experiencing difficulties looking for the right solution.*
- *Building strong and trusted relationships internally and with clients.*
- *Development of ecommerce solutions typically in a start-up environment making best use of Open Source solutions such as Drupal, Jabber, which can be extended.*

January 2008 – Present day Logica PLC Technical Consultant

I joined the Logica consulting division and soon joined the Ministry of Justice programme, which is the largest Logica UK programme, utilising my leadership and management skills and over that time I have covered several different roles.

Deputy to CTO – I moved into a more central role in the programme to assist the CTO in reforming the processes, improving relationships with the client and suppliers, working with the internal teams who were also dependant on the CTO function. I also manage the technical architects to ensure we have sufficiently skilled resources for the programme. I also work with the technical architects to ensure the enterprise architecture is suitable for the needs of the programme today and in the future, this also includes defining the appropriate strategy. The programme makes extensive use of VMWare Virtualisation, Oracle and progressing towards Cloud initiatives and working closely with Microsoft Cloud initiatives.

Transition Manager – I was brought in to lead the team to transition two applications from the incumbent to Logica. The project was behind schedule, lacked clarity of requirements and had very tight deadlines before financial penalties were incurred. I was able to bring the project in ahead of schedule in the end by bringing clarity to the team and working with the client to ensure we maintained the quality of delivery. Bringing the project in ahead of schedule we enhanced our reputation with the client and senior management in Logica.

Technical Manager – this project involved the data migration and national rollout of two new applications to all courts in England and Wales. Initially the work involved defining the data migration approach from the legacy to the new application. I took over as the national rollout manager ensuring that the team and infrastructure were in place to commence the full rollout over an eighteen month period.

Key Achievements:

- Lead the transition of products from another company to Logica
- Management of project between various parties internal and external
- Defined the data migration strategy which would last for the eighteen month period
- Defined the infrastructure requirements for the data migration and the national rollout
- Put together a team for the rollout
- Built excellent client relationship and therefore improved communication
- Lead a success product transition dramatically improving the Logica reputation
- Improved the programme operational change request process to increase visibility and automation
- Improved the approach to technical architect resourcing in the programme

August 1998 – December 2007 isVision Ltd (www.is-vision.co.uk)

isVision Ltd was my own company providing consultancy, management and development services. I worked on a variety of projects covering software development, ecommerce, , R&D, software development management, project management, application architecture design. The development has covered many technologies such as Digital

Identity, Oracle, Linux, Windows, Java, Web development, eCommerce, SyncML, Service Oriented Architecture, Governance. Some of the clients and projects covered over the past few years have been the following;

2006 – 2007 General Electric (GE) Energy SOA Architect

GE Energy initiated a project to focus on how they could utilise Service Oriented Architecture, SOA, within the group. This meant starting from scratch and building up the knowledge and processes within the group.

Key Achievements:

- Worked closely with the end client of the proposals
- Raised awareness of SOA throughout the organisation
- Defined an initial approach to SOA and laid the foundations for moving forwards
- Helped setup a Centre of Excellence for SOA
- Evaluated and defined products to use
- Liaised with 3rd party companies, such as Weblayers, IONA
- Created a useful network of contacts throughout GE as a whole to improve the communication

2006 – Imagination (www.imagination.com) - Consultant

Imagination is a design and communication agency based in London and I worked directly with the client. They were looking for a more robust and flexible Content Management System, which would improve their website implementation time for their end clients. Primarily they were looking at Drupal. I provided the initial consultancy regarding Drupal and then the first implementation in a very short period of time.

2003 – 2006 Midentity / etribes - Technical Manager

Midentity was a company involved in Digital Identity and personal publishing, it purchased etribes.com and integrated that technology into its own product. Midentity had a huge reliance on Open Source technology and I took the decision to use Drupal as the core solution. I worked with all levels in the company from the end users through to members of the board. I was involved in the development of all the core products, which covered being responsible for the overall architecture. I built up the development and operational teams from nothing. Technologies used in the development of the products cover a wide range such as Java, Linux, MySQL, Postgres, Drupal, Microsoft VB and VC.

The core of the services currently revolve around the social networking aspects of personal publishing with additional services such as SMS, MMS, Digital Identity. I provided the bridge between the technical team and the customer facing side.

Key Achievements:

- Recruitment and management of a development and operations team
- Implementation of the product and project management processes
- Assisting the company with a major distribution agreement with BT Wholesale
- Integration of two major products from Midentity and etribes and launch of the products
- Creation of the Midentity Deskbar and associated services
- Assistance in the raising of more than £1m funding for the company
- Research into new ideas for future development
- Utilisation of the popular Open Source CMS framework Drupal and Jabber

2003 – 2004 General Electric (GE) Smallworld - Consultant

I was involved with GE in the Network Resource Services division in Cambridge where I was working in a newly formed Architecture team. This involved looking at how the existing product range could be integrated in an evolutionary rather than revolutionary fashion. Several recommendations were made for the future development of products, both front end and server side, and these continue to be implemented even today. Several technologies were reviewed in the process such as Eclipse framework, IONA Artix, Java, proprietary GE solutions.

2000 – 2003 Serengeti Systems (www.serengeti-systems.com), Technical Director

Serengeti Systems is a member of the Oracle Partner Programme, providing Document and Content Management solutions based on the Oracle platform. This role was had a large amount of client involvement understanding their needs and taking these to the technical team. The role covered many areas including architecture, design and implementation of a new product based on the Oracle Internet File System, now renamed Oracle CMSDK. I was responsible for the overall technical solution from design, architecture, planning, implementation, liaising with third parties and clients, ensuring the timely delivery of releases and installations, project management. The main technologies involved were Oracle 9i DB and 9iAS, Java, JSP, XML, Arbortext, but have also included ASP, CFM, MS SQL. Extensive knowledge of the Windows 2000 platform and familiar with Solaris.

Key Achievements:

- Evaluation and selection of the Oracle Platform for major product development

- Architecting the product solution we have embarked upon
- Dealt with many local government organisations as well as corporate companies.
- Design of a robust architecture based on Oracle Internet File System, iFS
- Release of a successful product to the market in 2001 and continued improvement of that product
- The building of close relationship with Oracle which lead to the selection of Serengeti Systems to be one of four worldwide members of the Oracle Customer Advisory Board for Oracle iFS
- Presentation of a seminar at the Oracle 2001 and 2002 User Group conferences
- Identify suitable technology partners for integration with Serengeti product
- Recruited the complete development team
- Improved the Quality Assurance procedures and improved the ISO9001 procedures
- Improved the software design approaches for product development and working with clients

1999 – 2000 hy-phen.com (www.hy-phen.com), Technical Development Manager

hy-phen.com, formed in August 1999, with the aim of providing a new approach to Internet recruitment for the IT sector. I was involved at the beginning with the company founder as one of the main system architects. I was responsible for overall technical management of e-Commerce application development using HTML, DHTML, JavaScript, VBScript, COM, MTS, ASP, VB SQL, MS Project. This also covered requirements gathering for new/enhanced features and their planning into future releases.

Key Achievements:

- Launch of the service within prescribed timeframe
- Design of a robust architecture based on Microsoft DNA technology
- Improved the Quality Assurance procedures in the team with the recruitment of a QA manager.
- Improved the quality of the team by making use of the 'Capability Maturity Model'
- Effective liaison with 3rd party groups to ensure smooth integration of their services

1998 – 1999 Encite Ltd

Encite provided Internet based financial solutions, for Reuters Ltd. I was involved in the management and development of a major Internet/Intranet based project in readiness for the introduction of the Euro. I was responsible for the user interface and database integration using HTML, Java Servlets, Javascript, VB, ASP, VBScript, Oracle, SQL.

Key Achievements:

- Delivery of the service on time and within budget
- Acceptance/Integration testing one of the smoothest experienced by Reuters live operations
- First team within Reuters to successfully use Java Servlets in a live environment

1992 – 1998 Reuters Ltd (originally Equisoft) co-founder, Colchester, Essex

A software house founded by myself and four other colleagues with the aim of developing Windows based financial software for Reuters Ltd. Equisoft was purchased by Reuters in 1996.

1994 – 1998 Software Development Manager

Responsible for overall management of multiple financial software projects including e-Commerce prototype development HTML, DHTML, Javascript, ActiveX, ASP, C/C++, Java. Also responsible for project and cost centre capex budgeting, office infrastructure and new business procurement.

Key Achievements:

- Creation of team for porting our 16 bit product to 32 bit
- Creation of team to ensure millennium compliance of products and infrastructure
- Prototyping of 32 bit product using Internet technologies/environment
- Recruitment and management of new staff
- Mentoring and coaching of staff
- Developed improved methods of working with customers, as technologies changed towards rapid application development
- Implementation of a Software Development Process based on 'Capability Maturity Model'
- Successfully managed the office move to new premises

1992 – 1994 Senior Software Engineer / Development Lead

Responsible for the design and implementation of a large Windows based financial product. This was developed using C/C++, Rogue Wave, MicroQuill Smartheap.

Key Achievements:

- Successful delivery and launch of Reuters Equation in 1993

- Creation of a scriptable user interface prior to the popularity of the Internet
- Developed the major data cache and normalisation module
- Involvement in the development of the Reuters 3000 series

1988 – 1992 Pont Research UK Ltd, Colchester, Essex - Senior Developer

Pont Research was part of the Pont Data Company providing financial market information from the world stock markets, to financial institutions. I joined as a Computer Operator at the main operations centre. In 1989 I moved into a small team, as a developer, which developed Digital Feed products. As well as maintaining the existing products I also began work on developing new products. This role also provided me with regular contact with the clients, both in the UK and several European Cities.

1986 – 1988 Ipswich Co-Operative Society, Suffolk – Store Manager

1984 – 1986 J Sainsbury PLC, Hertfordshire – Deputy Customer Services Manager

Non Work Related

I am married and have two children and they take up most of my time outside work, both are involved in ski racing taking part in the summer league races in the UK. I am the Vice Chair of the Suffolk Vikings ski team and Chair of the Eastern Region Snowsports Association, ERSA. Both of these roles involve me being heavily involved in the organisation ski races and assisting with the running of several races around the country.

Being chair of ERSA is a particularly challenging role, which I took over in 2009, as the face of the racing is changing in the UK and I am leading the region forward to ensure it continues to grow and provide a structure for continuing to develop the athletes. Many people do not recognise the need for change and part of the challenge is bringing along that experience to ensure it is not lost to the sport. I have also been instrumental in arranging several sponsorship deals for the region. My use of an Open Source CMS continues outside work where I utilise Drupal for several websites which I manage.

The most rewarding part of this role though is knowing that we provide a structure which means the competitors, mostly children, have a fun time in what they are doing.