

Curriculum Vitae

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Skills Summary

General: Broad knowledge of the major computer network paradigms and operating systems. Experienced at analysis, presentation, project planning and management. Good empathy skills with end users and ability to teach and document technical subjects in a layman's language. Broad experience facilitating a short learning curve for new technology.

Technical: Linux and UNIX (Solaris), Mac OS X and Windows; MySQL and PostgreSQL. TCP/IP, Apache, DNS; streaming using Quick Time, Flash, Real and Icecast. Web development in Perl, PHP, JavaScript, JSON, AJAX, XHTML, CSS and XML.

Methodology: Structured analysis and design, experienced at systems and requirements analysis and writing of functional and technical specification documents, project planning and technical resource management.

Languages: English native speaker. Fluency in oral and written comprehension and good level of written Spanish. Good level of oral and written comprehension of Catalan and upper-intermediate level spoken and written.

Education & Employment

2008-present SELF-EMPLOYED:
Freelance IT Consultant/Analyst

2009-2010 PEOPLE & PLANET LIMITED:
IT Manager (part-time)

2004-2010 XTREAMLAB.NET LTD:
Founder and Creative Director.

1996-2007 PSAND LIMITED:
Founder, Managing Director and lead analyst/consultant.

1994-1996 JOHNSON FRY PROPERTY LIMITED:
IT Manager.

1989-1993 UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST OF ENGLAND:
Upper Second-class B.Sc. Hons. in Computing for Real-Time Systems.

Selected Recent Projects

Project: WRITE TO REACT ONLINE LEARNING PROJECT
Rôle: Technical Project Manager & Developer
Period: December 2009 - May 2010

Write to React was amongst the projects that I undertook during my tenure as IT manager for People & Planet, a student-led campaigning NGO based in Oxford was the implementation of an online learning course. The requirement was to produce an effective online learning course that involved students writing about their views on issues relating to climate change. Working alongside colleagues, I designed and implemented an on-line interactive learning course by integrating the multisite version of Wordpress with the organisation's own PHP-driven web site. Each week the students would read, watch and listen to commentary on the subject in question and then be encouraged to write their responses and opinions using their own blog created especially for the course. Around 150 students from a number of UK further educations colleges took part in the initial course, which was judged to have been such a success that we went on to produce a second course on fair trade clothing. This second course was launched in May 2010.

Project: TOSHIBA CONSUMER PRODUCTS WEBSITE
Rôle: Analyst & Technical Lead
Period: July-August 2008

Working for Mason-Zimbler as technical analyst on this project, I used systems analysis techniques to evaluate Toshiba's existing portal site for their Consumer Products division in the UK. I took this assessment along with customer feedback and the client's requirements for the where they wished to take their brand in the future and produced a detailed technical specification that was then used for the implementation of their new site, which went on-line in late autumn 2008.

Project: BMW AND MINI UK DEALER ON-LINE NETWORK
Rôle: Co-designer, developer, technical project manger
Period: 1999 – 2008

I started on this project as one of the co-designers and lead developers of a tiered content management system that provides an administrable back-end to manage over 800 dealership websites for BMW and MINI in the UK. Over the years I have been responsible for the day-to-day analysis and specification of new functionality and improvements to existing functionality as well as the project management of the technical side, planning of resources and liaison with third-party suppliers. The project has proved a great success and recent analysis shows that 15% of all visits to the MINI sites lead to actual sales.

Project: ALFA ROMEO UK DEALER ON-LINE NETWORK
Rôle: Technical project manager
Period: 2006 - 2007

Based on the success of the BMW and MINI Dealer On-Line Network, I was involved in providing systems analysis and specification for a similar system for Alfa Romeo in the UK. As the project progressed I was focussed on day-to-day technical project management of the implementation and resources of both in-house and third-party developers. The network is new and growing but proving to be a great success amongst customers, dealerships and head office alike.

Project: HIPP ORGANIC BABY CLUB
Rôle: Technical lead
Period: 2006 – 2007

I was responsible for building a team of web developers and designers and technically managed the project regularly holding technical design meetings to help steer the direction of the implementation. We delivered a web portal where new mums and mums-to-be are able to share their experiences with friends, family and peers as well as receive strategic targeted email marketing. The site currently has over 420,000 members.

Project: SKY ROCK COMMUNICATIONS (EMO)
Rôle: Technical director
Period: 2006 - 2007

During a transitional period in this company's operations I was responsible for defining and implementing technical policy as well as auditing and streamlining the existing on-line business where I was able to make significant improvements to service whilst at the same making cost savings. I was also jointly responsible for assessing new freelance staff and their applicability to work on future projects.

Personal

In my spare time I enjoy writing and making music as well as reading, walking and other activities. Since learning two second languages, I have become more interested in languages in general and hope to apply myself to learn others in the future.

I have a general interest in computing, the Internet, information technology and advances in the fields of science and enjoy keeping up to date with the latest developments and their potential application as well as the possible good and harm that the so called Information Society presents to us.

I am a member of the technical steering committee at Bristol Wireless and work to act as a mentor for other members and promote this project that aims to bring low-cost computing to the masses through its innovative recycling projects as well as the promotion of a city-wide network to connect people and public spaces to share ideas.

I was also a co-founder and co-producer of Dorkbot Barcelona and then spent a year in the rôle of co-producer of Dorkbot Bristol. Through Dorkbot I have the opportunity to bring my creative artistic and technological skills and interests together.

Due to my level of fluency with Spanish and Catalan, I am often involved in translating or correcting translations between these languages; although largely to English, I have translated several articles from English into Spanish, and written articles in both Spanish and Catalan.

Referees

References available upon request.