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I am a creative and versatile Web application and iOS9 App developer, who can deliver a new project from start to finish, as well as quickly dive into an existing project. I love working in teams, but am also comfortable working independently. I like teaching and tutoring, am perfectly multilingual, have excellent communication skills and a great arsenal of extracurricular interests. My focus with Web Development is Responsive Design and to follow the new trends like node.js and MEAN. This has progressed naturally into iOS9 App development with a focus on supporting the entire range of iPhones and iPads. This represents the current segment of my career

My background is UNIX and Product Management. I was Solaris Product Line Manager at Sun Microsystems in Los Angeles and in the center of the IT world: Palo Alto. There I delivered my UNIX product, Solaris, on time, according to plan and with quality. I managed the entire product life cycle.

Summary

- iOS9 App developer using the new Swift 2.x programming language from Apple, and Xcode with storyboards as a tool. This allows me to develop iOS9 Apps as well as Web apps, whichever the customer prefers or the use case mandates. I want to cover all the bases her: iPhone and iPad, all sizes, both portrait and landscape.

- Experienced Web application developer with focus on jQuery and Mobile First, Responsive Design. I use the Bootstrap or Foundation framework. Current projects are in CSS/HTML/jQuery/PHP/MySQL. Because of my Silicon Valley background I can also offer an in depth knowledge of many other technologies.

- Competent as Product Manager. Knows what it takes to, as a member of a cross-functional team, get a product out the door. Managed software as well as hardware products, led them through all phases of their product lifecycle and had a great reputation for on time delivery. By pushing through product ideas and applying analytical skills I realized $200M in cost savings..

- As a speaker and instructor, I love explaining complex topics to my audience as if they are simple, with a lot of enthusiasm and never without a touch of humor. In addition, I am very talented with a pen, whether it is to create documentation, a published book on Web Development or an illustrated travel guide loaded with personal anecdotes.

- I lived and worked as a UNIX specialist in California for more than 22 years (Los Angeles en Palo Alto).

- I solve complex problems creatively with simple solutions and have a great sense for detail. Always customer oriented, I think strategically but often come up with quick tactical solutions.

Professional experience

SWIFT IOS9 APP DEVELOPER, VDAB, 2015-PRESENT

Intensive series of classes on developing iOS9 Apps using the Swift 2.x programming language, Xcode and storyboards as an IDE with the Cocoa Touch framework. This will put me in a position to be able to develop iOS9 Apps as well as Web apps, whatever there customer prefers and the use case mandates.

ANALYST-PROGRAMMER, ORDER OF ARCHITECTS, 2013-2015

As an analyst-programmer I worked on several web projects, including a modern version of the corporate website starting with a brand new design. The project is based on *mobile first, responsive design* principles and uses *Foundation*, a CSS/Javascript framework.

Another project consisted of automatically genrerating and emailing an HTML newsletter to all architects in Flandres.

WEB DEVELOPER, RANDSTAD PROFESSIONALS, 2012 - 2013

Placed at ISMS in Turnhout to finish an existing project with a deadline of two weeks.
Worked on new features for a PHP/jQuery/MySQL web app based on instructions by the project manager and customer input.

Took over a project from a co-worker for customer Harrewijn & Partners for an application that measures quality and performance of a major healthcare firm in the Netherlands. The project also used PHP/MySQL/jQuery and HTML5 Canvas for the graphics.

Subsequently placed at the Order of Architects, where I started a project to convert a 100% static website to a database driven dynamic website with PHP/jQuery/MySQL.

WEB APPLICATION DEVELOPER, 4STONES BVBA 2011-2012

Testing, documenting and further development of a Web application written in PHP/jQuery/MySQL and the *Yii* framework, hosted on Linux. I added a document subsystem based on Microsoft Word.

Developed Joomla site for a customer.

WEB APPLICATION DEVELOPER, BELGIAN LASER COMPANY (BLC NV), 2010-2011

Designed, developed and delivered a complete ERP software package, using an Access database and customer input as the starting point. It is a Linux hosted Web appliaction developed in PHP/MySQL en jQuery. It supports creating and maintaining proposals, work order sheets and invoices for the entire company so they can be printed or emailed as PDF documents. It also generates financial reports and does price calculations based on the movements of the laser cutting machine. The software has been used daily in production for over four years now.

WEB DEVELOPER PHP, CEVORA, HAASRODE, VLAAMS-BRABANT, 2010

Intense training as Web Developer PHP at the Cevora school. Courses included XHTML, CSS, Javascript, PHP, XML, MySQL, Linux, SEO , Frameworks and CMS software.This has allowed me to now combine years of experience with the enthusiasm of someone who just graduated.

SENIOR PRODUCT LINE MANAGER, SOLARIS, SUN MICROSYSTEMS, MENLO PARK, CA, 1992-2008

Solaris is Suns (now Oracle) UNIX based Operating System for SPARC and x86 systems. Product/Program Managed 6 major Solaris releases, with updates in between. Interfaced with engineering, publications, L10N team, legal, support services, operations, sales, customers, suppliers, outbound marketing and finance. Responsible for product introduction, product life cycle management, communication to the field, pricing, licensing terms, bill of materials, all language versions, physical product and software downloads.

I also, due to the acquisition of ISC, continued to manage the INTERACTIVE UNIX product line focusing on customer requirements. Maintained and increased revenue stream of $20M with a staff of only 6 engineers. Changed the packaging, pricing and licensing. Targeted the VAR and OEM channel and embedded OS market. Organized seminars for those VARs and OEMs. Collected feedback translated it into required features and incorporated those into the next release of the product.

TECHNICAL PRODUCT MANAGER, INTERACTIVE SYSTEMS CORP., SANTA MONICA, CA.1987-1992

INTERACTIVE Systems Corporation (ISC), founded in 1977 in Santa Monica, CA, was the first ever software company to distribute and support a commercial version of UNIX.

There I was Product Manager of the INTERACTIVE UNIX System, VP/ix (DOS under UNIX), and the Software Development System that came with it. Managed all the releases. Conducted UNIX and C training to customers in Europe.

SYSTEMS ANALYST, BELL TELEPHONE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, ANTWERPEN, 1980-1987

Member of the first UNIX team in a company in Europe. Installed UNIX systems and conducted training to customers all over Europe (e.g. Siemens, Olivetti, Nokia)

Software skills

Operating Systems
UNIX, Solaris, Linux, Mac OS X, iOS
Office software
Pages, Keynote, Numbers
Adobe etc.
Photoshop, InDesign, Dreamweaver, Fireworks, Illustrator, Acrobat, Affinity Photo
Programming
Swift2, JavaScript, jQuery, PHP, HTML, CSS, Java, C, UNIX shell, Perl, XML, JSON, XSLT
Databases:
MySQL, MongoDB
Web technologies and frameworks:
Cocoa Touch, Apache Web Server, Ajax, Java Servlets, HTML5, Bootstrap, Curb Foundation, Enhance.js, modernizr, less.js, HTML5 Canvas, HTML5 history API, node.js, Express, handlebars.js
Version control:
SVN, Git
Document technologies
PDF, ePUB, XSL-FO, PHPWord, PHPExcel, FPDF

Education

MASTER IN COMPUTER SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF ANTWERP, 1973-1977
WEB DEVELOPER PHP, CEVORA, HAASRODE, 2010
SWIFT IOS9 APP DEVELOPER, VDAB, HAASRODE, 2016

Extra qualifications

LANGUAGES

Dutch (mother tongue), French (very good), English (very fluent, rich American vocabulary and background) German (good), Spanish (basics) Finnish (hobby)

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photographed since 1996: Hasselblad , Nikon F5/F6 (film), Nikon D800 (digital) Specialty: color landscapes. Permanent exhibits at the Gordon Biersch Restaurant and the mezzanine room of the Cardinal Hotel, Palo Alto.

AUTHOR

Author and publisher of the travel guide **California: East of Yosemite**, articles in *Mammoth Magazine*
Practical Web Development: Learning PHP, CSS, JavaScript, jQuery and AJAX (PacktPub August 2015)

LEISURE

Classical music. Opera. Concerts. Visiting museums.California.
Languages. ICT. Developing web applications and cool Apps for iPad. Table tennis. Photography. Hiking. Cycling