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Profile

A highly motivated and skilled software developer with over 20 years of experience in delivering solutions. I have been responsible for defining the architecture, design and delivery of numerous Enterprise solutions while learning, promoting and utilising the latest technologies and tools where appropriate.

I am also actively involved in the UK Microsoft developer community, including organising the DDD East Anglia community conference, and assisting with some of the other DDD conferences around the country, and this has given me an international network of contacts. I have also run a local user group branch and presented at both user groups and community conferences.

Qualifications and Professional Memberships

BSc. (Hons) Business Information Systems, De Montfort University, 1996
Microsoft Certified Technology Specialist, .NET Framework 4 Web Applications
Microsoft Certified, Azure Fundamentals

I have been a Member of the British Computer Society since 2004.

Career history

2004 - 2020

WSP Group

Senior Software Developer

During my time at WSP I've been involved with many product developments ranging from taking over the support and development of existing solutions to architecting and leading the development of new products for our business and customers. I've led development teams to deliver UK and global solutions and have been instrumental with helping our development teams adopt new technologies and ways of working.

Highlights and experience include:

- Developing and supporting numerous enterprise solutions for WSP and our clients covering a wide range of sectors primarily utilising the Microsoft Development stack.
- Helping introduce and championing the adoption of various technical and delivery approaches including Agile Product Delivery (using Scrum), TDD and SOLID, DevOps principles including test and deployment automation, and the adoption of Microsoft Azure DevOps.
- Supporting and providing consultation to the WSP business on the adoption of Azure cloud-based services.

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- Working directly with colleagues and clients to build strong relationships so a solid understanding of business requirements is achieved and fit for purpose solutions are delivered. This includes working overseas for periods.
- Proficient in a wide-ranging development stack and tool set including; C#, JavaScript and VB.NET with a variety of technologies including WebForms, ASP.NET MVC and WebAPI, Azure and Azure DevOps.

2013 – current
DDD East Anglia
Co-organiser

Involved with organising and running the DDD East Anglia community conference in my spare time. This has included:

- technical work in developing the conference website and hosting it on Azure.
- organisational and project management responsibilities including liaising with suppliers and sponsors, as well as communication tasks including managing speakers and running the conference social media accounts.

1998 – 2004
Willis Group
Software Developer

- Worked on several projects, including some of the company's first ASP.NET applications, using VB.NET and JavaScript.
- Organised an internal group running 'brown bag'-style lunchtime sessions for all developers to enable knowledge sharing and encouraged colleagues to attend user groups and conferences.

Presentations and Publications

I have developed and given numerous technical sessions and lightning talks, both for internal teams, and at external community conferences and user groups across the UK. The most recent topics I have presented on have included Azure CosmosDb and C# Scripting; I have previously covered subjects including security, MEF, and distributed caching with AppFabric. Several of my previous slide decks can be viewed at <http://slideshare.com/philpursglove>.

I have previously written articles for Visual Basic Developer and SQL Server Professional magazines, and I was also Technical Editor and Development Editor for APress 'Applied ADO.NET' by Mahesh Chand and David Talbot.

Interests and Hobbies

I am a keen amateur musician, playing trumpet and cornet, and practice and perform regularly with a local brass band. I have also taken several music exams

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over the last six years, passing each one with merit.
I like cooking for family and friends and enjoy attending cookery courses that allow me to learn new techniques and styles.

References

Available on request.