

CURRICULUM VITAE

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ABILITIES AND QUALITIES

- Proven ability as team manager to deliver project products to deadline within structured project environments
- Capable of designing clever technical solutions and bring benefits to fruition by managing development and controlling implementation
- Strong customer facing skills resulting from over 13 years of consulting experience. I have the ability to establish and cultivate ongoing consulting relationships and the intuition required to perceive client's attitudes, and manage expectations.
- Broad technical knowledge across varied architectures has given me ability to design practical solutions for many environments, particularly in the area of delivering information and functionality from legacy platforms.
- Incisive analytical ability as a result of having worked with mission critical financial, manufacturing and logistics data for many large enterprises.
- Ability to design and deliver realistic and practical solutions to deadline, fulfilling the client's requirements while making best use of the existing infrastructure.
- Productive team member who works effectively in groups of clients and consultants. As a technical team leader I foresee risks, allocate resources and plan contingencies to complete tasks to deadline.
- Articulate and effective communicator with large audiences and groups. Able to build rapport with an audience quickly.
- PRINCE2 Foundation certified

COMPUTER & TECHNICAL SKILLS

Databases

MS SQL 2005 including SSIS and Reporting services, MS SQL Server 2000 & 7.0
Oracle 8i & 9i, Ingres ii, Informix 9.0, Access 97, 2000, XP and 2007

Programming Languages & Web Technologies

VB.NET 2.0 and 1.1, VB 6.0, VB Script, Java script, C, C++, COBOL, Unix and Windows script.
HTML, ASP, IIS, JSP, Tomcat, XML web services

Operating Systems and technologies

Windows Server 4.0, 2000, 2003, Linux (various), Unix (HP and Solaris)
VMware and Microsoft virtual machine
exposure to AS400, VAX and mainframe environments

Desktop productivity

Microsoft Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Project and VISIO

ENGAGEMENTS and EMPLOYMENT

mpe consulting limited

September 2005 to current

As an independent consultant, I have successfully fulfilled my client's requirements in larger project engagements and smaller ad-hoc developments. Some of my more significant roles include:

Data Migration team leader Musgrave Retail Partners GB October 2007 to May 2008

Musgrave Retail Partners wanted to merge its British companies, Budgens and Londis by migrating them both to Oracle Financials which would bring them line with the rest of their businesses. This involved merging financial data from three completely different accounting systems including Lawson and Masterpiece Financials. I was invited to be the Data Migration Team Leader, responsible for the design, development and delivery of the project's DM solution. I lead of 5 people that consisted of internal employees, independent contractors and third party consultancy firms as well as liaising with business users to deliver the solution.

The approach that I chose to take was to keep the responsibility and ownership of the data firmly with the business while the development and execution of the solution was owned by my project team. The migration procedure would apply mappings and extraneous data provided and signed off by the business users. The business's cleaning teams used exception information

produced by the target system to correct the source systems. Speed of execution was also an essential part of the design. The migration was rehearsed weekly to drive cleansing activities with progress reports.

I selected SQL Server 2005 as the central repository because of its data connectivity capabilities. SSIS packages were developed using to pull data directly from the legacy Informix, cache (MUMPS), and SQL 2000 databases. Code mappings and extraneous data were loaded into the system from approved Excel spreadsheets. The solution extracted and converted the data, executed the load into Oracle Financials and retrieved the resulting errors. Cleansing and exhaustive audit reports were produced and delivered using SQL Server Reporting Services.

The production of tracked cleansing reports was an effective way of encouraging the business leads to take responsibility of their data and motivate cleaning progress. The visibility of the cleaning progress gave confidence to the financial controllers as did the solid audit trail and reconciliation to the penny. The migration went smoothly and operated as expected.

Data Migration technical role Londis and Budgens stores June 2007 to October 2008

This technical role involved the migration of a large amount of stock data from a cache (MUMPS) database to an in house developed stock system on an Informix database. I was asked to assist with "getting the project over the line" three months before the project first stage was due to go live. I soon identified that the amount of data cleaning required had been greatly under estimated and that there was insufficient time and resources using the current methods to correct the data and meet the deadline. By being able to quantify the amount of work required, I was able to clearly articulate the urgency to the project management and obtain the resources required to take evasive action.

To remedy this I designed a number of methods and strategies to assist with error correction. One approach was to provide the facility where the users were able to amend their data in spreadsheets which could be batch fed into the source systems by programmatically feeding the user interface. This approach meant the user interface validation was not circumvented which assured the system owners that the approach was sound. The end users did not have to spend large amounts of time manipulating a laborious user interface.

As a direct result of my involvement the project was able to go live as scheduled.

London Borough of Merton ProActis Spend Control integration with Academy Housing

With the implementation of strict commitment accounting principles and centralisation of invoicing processing, Merton chose ProActis Spend control as the vehicle to deliver this goal to their Chief Executive. Any system spending money requires purchase orders to be authorised via ProActis. Merton use legacy Academy housing software to manage the repairs performed on their housing stock. Purchase orders need to be raised in Academy and then passed to ProActis for authorisation. Work cannot start unless the relevant budget holder has authorised the budget spend. I designed and implemented a real time bidirectional interface to handle this.

We used triggers in the Ingres database that drives Academy to populate an interface table. I wrote a Windows service that periodically read this table via ODBC and transmit the purchase orders are passed to ProActis through an XML Gateway. These orders are often subject to much variation before the work can be started so each variation of the orders needed to be reflected in ProActis. The Academy order is held until such time as the budget manager authorises the budget spend in ProActis. The notification of authorisation is then passed back to the interface table through the ODBC.

By making best use of a legacy system's capabilities and new technologies available a significant software cost was avoided through the implementation tight and robust integration.

Financial Reporting Data warehouse London Borough of Merton in conjunction with UniServe consulting

This development aimed to release the financial information trapped behind legacy software by making it available for reporting tools and management applications. Our team's solution was to create a data warehouse that is populated nightly from an Oracle database into the procurement reporting facility based on a Microsoft SQL Server. Functionality to replicate the hierarchal account structure from the financial system had to be redeveloped as T-SQL functions. This meant that business based information could queried by any SQL compliant reporting tool.

The solution automated a lengthy manual process required to make budget data available to budget holders, and made it available through a web browser. The data could then be combined with information from procurement applications, allowing the user drill down from high level budget commitment reports to the original scanned imaged of the purchase order.

UniServe Consulting Limited, UK

Technical Software Consultant

March 2002 to September 2005

UniServe Consulting was established to provide managers in business, industry and public administration with tools and techniques to manage their corporate information resources more effectively. Core services include the support of financial and systems management software.

Financial Application Technical Consulting

Infor FMS (Financial Management System) was formerly known as Masterpiece/Net is a module based financial application. Currently it operates on platforms Mainframe, AS400, UNIX and Windows Server, all through a web front-end. My role in supporting this product included technical consulting, including software installation, upgrades and customisation migration on UNIX and Windows Servers. I developed and implement of customisations and financial interfaces with other systems. I have provided on-call support to augment client's existing IT resources with application specific technical skills and knowledge.

Software Development

As part of our strategy to enable the SSA FM client base, UniServe develops tools and techniques that allow our clients to make better use of their software investments. Part of this process included bringing the solutions we develop to market. Once such development was and end-user desktop printing for legacy print files. The software provides print preview facilities, pagination and automated layout enhancements to legacy financial reports. I also developed report distribution software that collates text reports and converts the output into formatted HTML files and encrypted PDF for distribution via automatically though email.

Computer Associates – InterBiz, Australia

Software Consultant

May 1999 to October 2001

InterBiz was the business applications division of Computer Associates. In May 1999 H-W Services was acquired by Computer Associates, to compliment the professional services organisation, within this InterBiz. My role for this organisation can be broken down into two software areas

MK Technical Consulting

MK (formerly manman/x) is now known as Infor ERP MK which is package based manufacturing and logistics package that operates on Windows Server and UNIX environments. My work with this product involved extensive development in inventory control, lot control, EDI, purchasing and integration with other systems. I provided Installation and implementation consultancy on UNIX and NT environments using Ingres, Oracle and BISAM databases. I also design, developed and implemented of customisations using the development toolset with MK.

Masterpiece/Net Technical Consulting

Apart from Masterpiece/Net application installation and support on UNIX and NT environments, most of my work has involved developing interfaces with other systems. I developed a library of Visual Basic scripts that were use to create interfaces from virtually any data source ODBC.

H-W Computer Services Pty Ltd

Software Consultant

July 1995 to May 1999

Customised and enhanced CA-MANMAN/X 3.0c and MK8.0 on Solaris Sun to provide specialised EDI functionality and analytical reporting for stock control purposes. Developed and implemented interfaces to CA-Masterpiece V3.0 using COBOL, Visual Basic and MS Access. Program development using Microsoft Access and Visual Basic in conjunction with ACCPAC Plus and ACCPAC for Windows. Provided technical support to a varied client base.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Computers (Information Systems)

1992 – 1995

Monash University

VCE/HSC

1990 – 1991

Haileybury College

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Year	Detail Course	Provider
2008	PRINCE2 Foundation & Practitioner	Parity, London UK
2005	SSA Combined User's conference (Delegate)	Combined User Conference Ltd
2005	Proactis Basic User Training	Get Real Systems
2004	SSA Combined User's Conference (Presenter)	Combined User Conference Ltd
2003	Masterpiece User's Conference (Presenter)	Combined User Conference Ltd
2003	Implementing Unicenter in a fault tolerant environment	Computer Associates (UK)
2002	Unicenter Administration, Architecture & Implementation	Computer Associates (UK)
2002	Masterpiece User's Conference (Presenter)	Masterpiece User's Group
2000	Time Management	AIM (Australian Institute of Management)
1998	Crystal Info Administration	Seagate, Sydney
1996	Unicenter Introduction	Computer Associates, Melbourne
1995	AUSMAC, Masterpiece User Conference	CA-InterBiz, Adelaide

REFERENCES

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