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I am a senior developer working with ASP.Net MVC, C#, LINQ, EF and SQL Server. I have worked as a contractor for 17 years, with many renewals and testimonials from satisfied clients.

Skills

- ASP.Net MVC 4
- WCF / SOAP / REST
- NHibernate
- C#
- SQL Server
- ASP.Net Web Forms
- LINQ
- JavaScript / JQuery
- VB.Net
- Entity Framework
- HTML / CSS
- SSIS / SSRS

Recent Experience

thebigword (Leeds)

Jul 2013 – Oct 2013 (Contract, 3 months)

Contracted by a world-leading translation and language technology firm to develop a **B2B website** using ASP.Net MVC 4 with Razor, JQuery, C#, Ninject, WCF, SQL Server 2012, Entity Framework 5 Code First in a Scrum environment. Also worked on messaging service to support a workflow for content translation, using the above skills and PowerShell.

Capita (Leeds)

Oct 2012 – Jul 2013 (Contract, 10 months)

Contracted by the UK's leading business process outsourcing company to develop an internal **HR application** for managing employee appraisals. Worked with ASP.Net MVC 3 (Web Forms engine), JQuery, C#, Castle Windsor, LINQ, NHibernate, Oracle. Used NUnit with Moq. Also worked on support management system, using SpecFlow for BDD.

Ink Digital Ltd (Halifax)

Apr 12 – Jul 2012 (Contract, 4 months)

Contracted by award-winning digital agency (RAR 2013 Best in Digital under 30 staff) to design and develop a **B2B social networking website** to promote local business development. The site provides members with news, a personal blog and a self-help forum, and is content-managed. Used ASP.Net MVC with Razor, C#, StructureMap, LINQ, SQL Server 2008, EF 4.1, POCO, T4.

Previous Contract Experience

Ink Digital Ltd (Halifax)

(Jan 12 – Mar 2012 Freelance work while also on contract to Promethean)

Assisted with project to develop two **B2B websites** to foster collaboration between business and academia. Used ASP.Net MVC 3 (with Razor), C#, LINQ, SQL Server 2008 with full-text search, EF Database First.

Promethean Ltd (Blackburn)

Aug 11 – March 2012 (Contract, 8 months)

Contracted by a global education firm to work on a localisation project for their **multi-lingual website** using ASP.Net MVC 3 (with Razor) and C#, Castle Windsor, LINQ, WCF, SQL Server 2008. Worked in a Scrum environment (supported by TFS).

Developed **ETL** process using SSIS 2008 to load large sets of complex educational standards. Also developed cross-selling feature to suggest related products to customers. Performed feasibility study on moving servers to an IAAS environment.

iSky Software Ltd (Cheshire)

Mar 11 – July 11 (Contract, 5 months)

Contracted by a niche software house to develop **online application forms** for financial products using ASP.Net MVC 3 (Web Forms), JQuery, C#, StructureMap, .Net 4.0, LINQ, WCF, Entity Framework DB First, and SQL Server. Used TFS to manage code base.

Computacenter UK Ltd (Manchester)

Mar 10 – Dec 10 (Contract, 10 months)

Enhanced an **internal project tracking application** to bring diverse project types together for tracking by governance team. Used Google Web Toolkit, AJAX, SQL Server 2005, HTML, CSS, JavaScript.

Webuyanycar Ltd (Rochdale)

Nov 09 – Mar 10 (Contract, 4 months)

Analysed, designed and developed a **stock management and logistics module**, saving the logistics manager 2.5 days per week. Interviewed stakeholders, modelled existing and proposed processes using UML. Integrated with existing systems using web services. Used ASP.Net, VB.Net and SQL Server 2005.

Previous Contract Experience (Continued)

Computacenter UK Ltd (Manchester)

Nov 07 – Aug 2009 (Contract, 1 year 9 months)

Co-developed a web-based **workflow, scheduling and logistics application** to support large scale IT migration programmes. This replaced an ad-hoc system of spreadsheets, supporting Computacenter's core business. Used ASP.Net, VB.Net, SQL Server, SSIS and SSRS. Tailored for British Telecom and integrated with Accenture's system for Astra-Zeneca.

Ink Creations Ltd (Bradford) - now Ink Digital

May 07 – Oct 07 (Contract, 6 months)

Contracted by this digital agency to develop an **intranet** for a well-known fitness chain. Developed core intranet modules including contacts database, document management and newsletter publishing with workflow management. Used ASP.Net Web Forms with VB.Net. Designed and developed all supporting databases with SQL Server. Also developed application and database logic for a client offering gym membership over the Internet from a range of providers. Integrated postcode and bank validation web services.

InHealth Group (Leeds)

Jan 07 – Apr 07 (Contract, 3 months)

Contracted by a specialist healthcare company to design and develop a SOAP **web service** to synchronise patient appointments for diagnostic image scans with a partner company. Used ASP.Net web services with contract-first approach.

HBOS (Halifax) Platform Transformation Programme

Aug 05 – Dec 06 (Contract, 1 year 5 months)

Contracted to enhance and maintain the **core planning and scheduling system** underpinning the PTP Programme, which upgraded the Bank's 70,000 users to new XP machines. Used ASP.Net Web Forms, SQL Server, DTS.

First Direct / HSBC (Leeds) E-Commerce Development Team

Jul 00 – Jul 05 (Contract, 5 years)

Developed a company-wide **intranet** for 4000 users. Used Classic ASP, SQL Server, XML/XSLT.

Designed and built a **content management system** so users could update content online. Incorporated rich editing and workflow management. This was extended to departmental authors, and had 50 users, including the CEO who used it to maintain his blog.

Previous Contract Experience (Continued)

Vertex (Manchester) Electricity Deregulation Programme

97 – 00 (Contract, 3 years)

Contracted by United Utilities on an electricity deregulation project. Developed a client-server system using PowerBuilder and Oracle.

SyAp AG (Switzerland) Commodity Trading System

96 – 97 (Contract, 7 months)

Contracted by a Swiss consultancy to a project for Glencore, a commodity trading house, to work on a trading and traffic system. Used PowerBuilder with Oracle.

Permanent Roles

Dendrite Europe (Reading and Germany)

93 – 96 (Permanent, 2½ years)

Employed as **Senior Analyst/Programmer** by a software house supplying sales force automation systems, initially to localise a base product for the German market.

Subsequently designed and developed a **localisation tool** to simplify translation of applications into other languages. Received two **company awards** for this project, which radically changed the Company's approach to localisation. Used C, PowerBuilder, Oracle 7.

Sun Alliance (Halifax)

89 – 93 (Permanent, 4½ years)

Employed as **Analyst/Programmer** by a subsidiary of Sun Alliance which supplies quotation products to the insurance market. Used C and shell scripting on Unix.

Logica (London)

86 – 89 (Permanent, 2½ years)

Employed as **Programmer** in Logica's software engineering division developing tools in C to process software engineering data.

Education and Other Information

BSc (Hons) Industrial Studies, Nottingham Trent University.

Mother tongue English.

Professional working proficiency in German.

References available on request. Testimonials can be shown at interview, and some can be found on my LinkedIn profile.