

James Read

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Personal Information

Date of birth: 20th August 1987
Place of birth: Bournemouth, England
Citizenship: British
Gender: Male
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Skills

Technical skills

Primary technical skills are as a developer, with the strongest programming languages being PHP (4-6) Java (SE, 1.4.2-1.7) and C#. Languages which I am proficient in include Python, SH, Javascript and a few others. To support this, I have strong technical skills with Linux (CentOS/RedHat 5 and Debian), Windows (clients; XP, Vista, 7 and server; (2003-2008 R2) and databases (MySQL and some experience with MSSQL 2005+ and Oracle 10g). Networking knowledge is good, with an exposure to Cisco networking hardware, experience includes administration of firewalls (MS ISA, Cisco PIX and ASA). Technical skills are backed up with certifications where of interest; Zend Certified Engineer, Oracle MySQL Certificate Associate and studying for Oracle Certified Java Associate and Cisco Certified Networking Associate. Considering a Linux certification.

Team player

I employ a casual working atmosphere with colleges and consciously try to be easy to get along with. I genuinely enjoy working in a team, where often it is necessary to pull on your technical skills to diagnose a problem the team has. My time at Regency has had me balancing team and individual projects however and I have some good examples of taking an idea and turning it into a project, with requirements capture, implementation phases and strict deadlines.

Passion

I spend a significant amount of time learning in the evenings and at weekends. I run a non-profit LAMP hosting servers simply to learn new things. I enjoy a full time career in IT and have the ambition to progress with a focus on remaining technical.

Professional Qualifications

Currently studying: Oracle certified Java Associated & Cisco Certified Networking Associate
July 2011: Oracle MySQL Certified Associate
March 2009: HMG SC clearance level
November 2009: PHP Zend Certified Engineer
Apr 2006: BIIAB Level 2 National Certificate for Door Supervisors (Unit 1 & Unit 2)

Professional Body Memberships

BCS – British Computer Society, AM grade

Academic Qualifications

Sept 2007 – June 2008: BSc Computing, University of Portsmouth (3rd Year direct entry)

My final year project was called "Distributed Personal Information Aggregation", which looked at associated problems with handling personal information such as emails and contact details electronically. The later stages involved building a system much like Microsoft Exchange & Outlook using Java (SE6). The project was considered one of the most complex and challenging in the whole year group.

Oct 2005 – Jul 2007: Higher National Diploma in Software Engineering, University of Portsmouth

My final year project was in a group of four, where we built an "online restaurant/take-away management system". I was the group leader and we finished with a distinction, achieving the highest mark out of 14 other groups during the final presentation.

Sept 2004 – Jul 2005: 1 Advanced Level, Corfe Hills School, Dorset

Sept 2003 – Jul 2004: 3 Advanced Subsidiary Levels, Corfe Hills School, Dorset

Summer 2003: 11 General Certificates of Secondary Education, Corfe Hills School, Dorset

Employment History

The following list details my most recent 3 positions, full employment history gladly supplied upon request.

Date: November 2008 – Current

Company: Regency IT Consulting, Cheltenham

Position: Systems Engineer

Experience: In house application development, Windows/Linux server administration, protective monitoring, advanced networking, cryptographic devices (highly secure VPN) and business etiquette.

Date: February 2011 – May 2011

Company: European Aeronautic Defence and Space Company (EADS)

Position: Systems Engineer with Energy and Propulsion Research team (3 month secondment)

Experience: Work on developing simulation protocol parsers using LabVIEW, coding of flight control systems for simulated unmanned air vehicles (UAVs)

Full employment history (additional 3 jobs) back to 2002 can be provided on request.

References

References and employer contact details gladly supplied upon request. My LinkedIn profile currently has a variety of recommendations;

Personal website: <http://jwread.com>

LinkedIn Profile: <http://www.linkedin.com/pub/james-read/11/62/723>