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A highly motivated and self-directed, Senior Technology Manager CTO

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A highly motivated and self-directed Senior Technology Manager CTO – CIO professional with over 22 years experience in all aspects of IT from business and software analysis and development to IT operational design and management.

Professional Experience

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2000 - 2006 **Irish Stock Exchange - Head of IT**

- Head of IT responsible for providing an IT infrastructure and IT Strategy to allow the company roll out computer services to its various businesses
- Set up business continuity and disaster recovery services across various locations and functions
- Programme/Project managed all IT related projects and managed external relationships
- Designed and implemented the Exchanges Networks (Local and International)
- Designed, implemented and coordinated the relocation of the Exchanges Data Centre
- Implemented and project managed the delivery of the Exchanges Website at www.ise.ie
- Managed the implementation of the Exchanges Funds submission and tracking system
- Responsible for a multi million annual budget with additional independent project budgets some of which were individually in excess of 1m
- Led a growing team of operational support and software development staff
- Member of the senior management team reporting to the board of directors
- Devised and delivered the Exchanges 5 year IT Strategy 2000 – 2005

Key Skills Apache, CIO, cto, data, DBA, HP-UX, IIS, Infrastructure Architect, IT Architect, IT Director, IT Manager, MS SQL Server, Oracle, programme manager, project manager, Senior Management, Software Development, strategy, Technical Support, Windows2000, Windows2003

1999 - 2000 **Meridian VAT Processing - IT Operations Manager**

- Responsible for the Year 2000 (Y2K) preparation and changeover
 - Established Disaster Recovery Plan
 - Responsible for the IT Operations and Support of both Dublin and UK offices
 - Supported over 300 Dublin based Data Entry Personnel and 23 Developers in the UK as well as all European Sales Offices
 - Migrating of companies 7 T-Byte RAW Device Oracle Database running on a Sequent DYNIX Server
 - Migration of network to new parent company network
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Key Skills	CIO, cto, DYNIX/ptx , IT Architect, IT Director, IT Manager, IT Operations, Operations Manager, Oracle, project manager, Technical Support, WindowsNT
1998 - 1999	<p>Oracle Ireland - Product Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for Product “Oracle Migration WorkBench” Roadmap • Gathering Market requirements • Determine business case and feasibility • Prepare Product Documentation for publication on product website • Work with Software Developers on prioritising code changes/enhancements • Preparing Project Plans for product release • Synchronise Development effort between Ireland, India and the US for Corporate Software Release Schedules
Key Skills	Oracle, Product Manager, project manager, Release Manager
1997 - 1998	<p>Sybase Ireland - Technical Support Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for the support of Irish Customers using Sybase Software • Worked with both customers and Sybase Developers on reported issues until resolution was found • Managed distribution of Software Updates to Irish Customers • Provided Training on Sybase RDBMS Administration to Customers when required
Key Skills	Administration, project manager, RDBMS, sybase, Technical Support, Technical Support Manager
1996 - 1997	<p>Ericsson Ireland - Project Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for the planning and fit out schedule of a new building at Beech Hill • Responsible for liaising with building contractors, hardware suppliers and internal Ericsson Management on all plans/issues relating to the schedule • Responsible for the installation and commissioning of the buildings Network • Responsible for the provision of UNIX Workstations and phones, etc. to all 300 Ericsson Employees to be located in the building • Responsible for the installation and commissioning of the first Auspex Network Attached Storage device in Ireland • Management of internal support resources when scheduling personnel moves to new building
Key Skills	Network Manager, project manager, sybase, Technical Support Manager, Unix
1994 - 1996	<p>Informix Ireland - European IT Operations Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for the establishment of the Informix Ireland European Data Centre • Developed Company Disaster Recovery Plan • Responsible for the operational support of 300 Software developers at the Dublin facility and over 5,000 European Sales Staff • Responsible for the support of the Informix Software Manufacturing and Printing Distribution functions in Dublin • Responsible for the Operational Support of the Lenexa Data Centre in Missouri, USA during US out-of-hours
Key Skills	CIO, cto, DBA, Informix, IT Architect, IT Director, IT Manager, project manager, RDBMS, Technical Support Manager
1992 - 1994	<p>Oracle Europe - Porting Engineer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for the porting Oracle Source Code to the ICL DRS UNIX Servers (3000/6000) • Trained Oracle Personnel in SQL*Forms debugging techniques • Trained Oracle Japan Engineers how to install the 64Bit Oracle RDBMS • Worked as part of the ISO-9000 certification team
Key Skills	DRS/NX, engineers, Oracle, project manager, RDBMS, Software Development, Solaris, SQL, SunOS, Unix, Windows
1988 - 1992	Irish Naval Service - Senior Programmer/Database & UNIX Administrator

- Development of the Fisheries Protection Information System
- Installation of Network and Data Centre at the Naval Base Haulbowline Co. Cork
- Development of Disaster Recovery Plan
- Training of additional Development and Support Staff
- Operational management and support of 11 sites, 8 of which were sea going vessels all running Oracle on HP-UX
- Maintenance & monitoring of the Satellite Communications links for data transfer
- Training of User Community in the use of Computer Applications developed by Naval IT Staff
- Analysis and re-development of FPIS application based upon User Feedback
- Administration of all 12 Oracle Database
- Administration of 2 HP 9000/825 and 10 HP 9000/300 Series HP-UX Servers
- Administration of Intel Server Network based on PC/NFS – TCP/IP running MS-DOS
- Maintenance of Terminal Servers for Terminal Access to Database Applications

Key Skills Administration, CIO, Computer Applications, cto, data, Database Manager, DOS, HP-UX, IT Manager, MS-DOS, Operational management , Oracle, PC-NFS, project manager, Software Development, SunOS, TCP, TCP/IP

Education and Qualifications

2012 **Bachelor/Degree - , Computing
Institute of Technology, Sligo**

Second Level -

Additional Information

Awards

Nominated for BT Internet Award 2005

Nominated for IIA's Net Visionary Award 2004

Winner of the IIA's Net Visionary Award 2003

Winner Memorex Telex/Sunday Business Post Excellence in Information Technology Award 1990
