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**Information Technology Leader
Team Builder & Mentor
Full Stack Software Developer**

CAREER SUMMARY

Collaborative and strategic IT Director with more than 20 years of experience leading IT, telecommunications, software development, information security, and system administration across multiple industries. Demonstrated history of building high performing teams and working alongside executive leadership to deliver innovative technology solutions. Proven ability to minimize costs and ensure maximum value of technology investments.

SKILLS

Executive Leadership
Strategic Planning
Risk Management
Budgeting & Forecasting

Cloud Services & Infrastructure
Network & Asset Security
Identity & Access Management
Cyber Security Training

Vendor Lifecycle Management
Disaster Recovery/Continuity
VoIP Telecommunications
Facilities Management

Project Management
Business Process Improvement
Software Development
Linux, Nginx, MySQL, PHP

EXPERIENCE

Director of Information Technology – RISE: A Real Estate Company

2015 - Current

- Reporting to the SVP, provided strategic vision and consulted on emerging technologies and industry disruptors.
- Working with internal project managers and external partners on new construction and renovation projects, evaluated technology solutions and infrastructure designs and specifications to ensure suitability, compatibility, and interoperability.
- Working with multiple cross functional teams, developed a suite of web-based applications that enhance organizational efficiency by filling gaps in off-the-shelf applications.
- In collaboration with the marketing team, implemented a managed web hosting platform for property web sites.

Information Technology Director/Senior System Administrator – Barnes Healthcare Services

2006 - 2015

- Recruited and directed a growing team of helpdesk technicians, virtualization engineers, and software developers.
- Led team responsible for migrating messaging and documentation to Google Apps, improving functionality and reducing costs.
- Ensured compliance with HIPAA-HITECH and PCI DSS through implementation of policies, training programs, and audits.
- Spearheaded migration of millions of pages from LaserFiche to MedForce.
- Oversaw implementation of Nagios monitoring platform, resulting in improved detail and status notifications for all critical systems.
- Drove adoption and implementation of Penetration Testing Services, as well as Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) platform.
- Designed companywide VoIP system and implemented MPLS WAN, enabling advanced call routing, extension dialing, and network connectivity.
- Improved staff productivity and workflow management by developing applications and interfaces that were more engaging and user friendly.
- Initiated and collaborated on the development of new company logo and branding strategy.

Information Technology Director – Valdosta Women’s Health Center

2004 - 2006

- Conducted market research and competitive analysis to select new EMR/EPM solution. Led demonstrations and site visits with finalists. Managed contract negotiations with NextGen for EPM/EMR implementation. Designed IT infrastructure upgrades to support NextGen products. Trained end users upon implementation of new systems. Extended NextGen functionality with custom .asp web applications.
- Eliminated paper records and reduced associated liability by introducing digital archival and overseeing the destruction of inactive paper records.
- Decreased conversion costs and reduced timelines through development of a custom import/export processes.
- Designed and implemented cybersecurity systems to ensure HIPAA-HITECH compliance for remote access to Clinical/Financial systems.

Web Application Developer/System Administrator – Barnes Healthcare Services – Valdosta, GA

2002 - 2004

IT Consultant/Entrepreneur – Tartanis, Inc. – Valdosta, GA

2000 - 2002

Director of Information Systems and Technology – Convenience USA, Inc. – Durham, NC

1998 - 2000

MIS Director – Barnes Healthcare Services – Valdosta, GA

1996 - 1998

VP/Senior Systems Analyst/Consultant – Automated Medical Systems, Inc. – Valdosta, GA

1993 - 1996

System Administrator/Instructor/Electronics Technician – United States Air Force

1983 - 1992

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Science, Trade and Industrial Education, Valdosta State College

Associate of Applied Science, Technical Instruction, Community College of the Air Force

ShoreTel Certified Installer

Microsoft Certified Solutions Associate (MCSA), Windows Server 2012 R2

VMware Certified Associate, Data Center Virtualization (VCA-DCV)

VCE™ Certified Converged Infrastructure Associate (VCE-CIA)

Brocade Certified, Virtual Router Engineer (BCVRE)

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