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**C#.Net/Azure Developer**

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Developer, Technical lead, and Expertise in development of Projects using Microsoft .Net and Azure technologies.

**PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY:**

* 15 Years of experience in IT consulting which includes Microsoft .Net, web, windows, cloud services development, design, testing, implementation, and maintenance of software applications.
* Having exposure in working in various domains like Resources Energy Systems (RES), Manufacturing, BFSI, Healthcare, Telecom, e-commerce, and Gaming.
* Excellent understanding of Object-Oriented Programming Concepts, ASP/ASP.NET, .NET Core, C#, Visual Basic, Web Services/Windows Communication Foundation (SOAP, WSDL), SQL Server.
* Having good experience on architecting software design using Tiered architecture
* Extensive work with ASP.NET MVC 4 and MVC 5, Web API, Micro services, RESTful APIs, Entity Framework, LINQ, SQL Server Architecture, User Interface Design, client-side development, middle tier, and back-end development.
* Used Microsoft Azure cloud platform for the building, managing applications and deploying web applications.
* Hands on Experience on Azure Service Bus, Data Factory, Logic Apps, Azure API Management, Azure App Services, Azure Functions, Cosmos DB (No SQL) Azure Storage.
* Involved in delivering technical design documents using UML (Use cases, Class diagrams, Activity diagrams, sequence diagrams, Entity Relationship diagram etc.).
* Proficient in Object-Oriented Programming (OOP) principles with a strong command of C#.
* Skilled in applying design principles to create robust and scalable software solutions.
* Experienced in containerization technologies like Kubernetes and Docker for efficient deployment and management of applications.
* Experienced in implementing Continuous Integration/Continuous Deployment (CI/CD) pipelines using GitHub Actions.
* Possess operational support experience, ensuring smooth functioning and performance optimization of software systems.
* Having good knowledge and experience on new technologies like WCF, LINQ
* Having knowledge and experience in implementing SOA using WCF services.
* Excellent knowledge in different SDLC processes like Agile SCRUM methodology and waterfall
* Having good knowledge and experience in BI tools like SSRS, SSIS, Power BI and TIBCO Spotfire
* Extensive knowledge in commercial RDBMS such as MS SQL Server and MS Access.
* A Skilled at progressing from problem statement to well documented design. Managed complete life cycle of multiple projects including project plan / timeline setup, maintaining project deliverables, creating status reports, managing development teams, business development and change management implementation.
* Experience with supporting incident and change management. Ability to handle projects independently.
* Contributed to the Center of Excellence team and managers for writing Proof of Concepts for new engagements/Projects and Contributed in Proposal writing for the new engagements.
* Contributed for Accenture/Avanade staffing in the areas of .NET and SQL Server technology.

**ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS**

* Bachelor of Technology (Computer Science and Engineering), JNTUH.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

* Accenture Innovate Award for [*patent*](https://www.google.com/patents/US20160275628) innovation “Digital Manufacturing System”
* Out Performance Award, Accenture

**TECHNICAL EXPERTISE:**

**C#, Visual Basic 6.0, Visual Basic .NET Technologies**

.NET FRAMEWORK 1.1/2.0/3.0/3.5/4.0/4.5, .NET Core 2.x/3.x, ASP.Net, MVC 4 and MVC 5, Web API, Micro services, RESTful APIs, Entity Framework, ADO.Net, Web Services, WCF, LINQ

**Unmanaged:** ASP, ADO, COM/COM+/MTS

**Front End Tools:** Visual Studio 2015/2013/2010/2008/2005/2003/2002, Visual Studio 6, Visual Interdev 6.0,

**SQL Server** - Management Studio, SQL Server - Reports Manager and Integration Services, PL/SQL

**Web Related:** ASP, VBScript, jQuery, HTML, DHTML, CSS, XML, XSLT, XPath.

**Web & Application Servers:** Internet Information Server 5.0, 6.0 and 7.0

**Cloud Technologies:** Azure App Services, Service Bus, Event Hub, Azure Functions, Logic apps, Azure SQL Server & Azure Storage, Redis, Docker, Kubernetes

**RDBMS:** MS SQL Server 2008/2012/2014/2016

**Business Intelligence:** SSRS, SSIS, Power BI, TIBCO Spotfire

**Testing:** NUnits, MS Unit, Spec Flow, SQA

**Operating Systems:** Windows XP, NT, Vista, Windows 2003 Server, Windows 2000, Windows 7, Windows 10

**Source Control:** SVN (Subversion), Visual Source Safe, Clear Case, TFS, Azure DevOps

**Specialized Tools:** MS-Office, Visio, Microsoft Enterprise Library, SOAP UI, Postman, Exchange Web Services

**Knowledge Base:** Node Js, Schneider AMPLA, SIMATIC IT MES, OSI PI.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

**Client: H&R Block, Kansas City, MI (Remote from Houston, Tx) Sep '2020 – till date**

**Role: .Net/ Azure Technical Lead**

**Project Description**: Tax preparation franchisees have the sole discretion to set their tax preparation prices using the

H&R Block’s Franchise Pricing Tool (FPT). FPT loads office-level pricing into the billing program. FPT allows franchises to access historical data and additional information that franchises may use to help set current year prices. The scope of the project is to provide the tax forms pricing for Tax season for every year. Franchise Pricing Tool is a web application that is used to manipulate pricing for franchisees in their offices.

**Roles and Responsibilities:**

* Providing the estimation for the new developments, enhancements and change requests.
* Designing and Developing WEB APIs and Micro services on Azure Cloud Platform for Enterprise applications integration as per the business requirements. Distribute the WEB APIs to other third-party sources to consume.
* Design and Developing web application using ASP.NET MVC 5 with rich user controls.
* Develop several azure functions to address complex data processing by using WEB APIs. These azure functions can be supported in cross platform (Windows, Unix, Mac, and other operating systems).
* Created Http, Service Bus and Event Hub Trigger Azure functions.
* Develop Azure functions based on business requirement and provide these functions to logic-apps team to trigger automatically to address huge files processing, performed Scale up and scale down the number of instances
* As a part of code quality checking, prepare unit test cases, pre/post deployment test cases for Web APIs and Azure functions using mock framework. This will be helpful to measure the defects and release zero percentage code.
* Monitor the Application insights for the existing functions debugging and incident resolution. Develop metric reports for Application insights data to analyze the application logs and issues effectively.
* Create and maintain a fully automated Continuous Integration and Continues Deliverables (CI/CD) pipelines for Web APIS, Azure functions and logic apps deployment using Azure DevOps, Ansible, GIT Repo and PowerShell scripts
* Implementing and integrating services using Service Oriented Architecture SOA/WOA with technologies Web-services, REST Service and Web API.
* Designed and implemented ETL (Extract, Transform, Load) pipelines using Azure Data Factory to efficiently process and transform data from various sources into target destinations.
* Scheduled and orchestrated data workflows within Azure Data Factory to ensure timely execution and optimal performance, leveraging scheduling capabilities and monitoring for pipeline execution.
* Utilized Object-Oriented Programming (OOP) principles and C# to develop and maintain software applications, ensuring high quality and scalability.
* Applied design principles to design and implement software solutions that meet business requirements and adhere to best practices.
* Provided operational support, troubleshooting issues, and ensuring the smooth functioning of software systems in production environments.
* Collaborated with cross-functional teams to identify and address technical challenges, ensuring timely delivery of software solutions and meeting project deadlines.
* Design and supporting on database activities for Azure Cosmos DB, SQL Server. Create complex stored procedures and SQL views to join multiple tables for contract data interface files and create SQL jobs to execute the stored procedure in schedule base
* Generated Spotfire Dashboard with quick/context/global filters, parameters, and calculated fields on Spotfire reports.
* Created Spotfire Dashboards with interactive views, trends, and drill downs along with user level security.
* Utilized Spotfire server to publish and share the reports with business users.
* Designed and developed the reports according to the requirements using Power BI and explored Azure SQL Database data
* Implemented containerization using Kubernetes and Docker to streamline deployment processes and improve scalability and reliability of applications.
* Use of Agile methodologies and toolset for developing applications that adhere to the principle of Software as a Service SaaS. This includes writing components using Design Pattern and Continuous Integration (CI) deployment using GitHub.
* As part of code delivery methodology, attend scrum meetings, daily stand-up meetings and weekly working session meetings.
* Develop azure services using Internet of Things (IoT), Advanced Analytics, Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence to improve operational efficiency, making industries millennial and future ready.
* Develop use cases and architecting POCs around Internet of Things (IoT)

**Environment:** **C#, .Net Core, .Net framework 4.6.1/4.7.2, ASP.Net MVC 5, Node JS, Bootstrap, Web API, Visual Studio 2019, Azure Functions, Service Bus, Event Hub, LogicApps, Cosmos DB, Azure Data Lake (ADLS), ADF, Power BI, TIBCO Spotfire, Azure DevOps, Kubernetes, Docker , Postman**

**Client: Chevron, Houston, TX Jan '2020 – Sep’ 2020**

**Role: .Net/ Azure Developer**

**Project Description**: The scope of the project is to upgrade and enhance the Fiber Optic Solution by making it more robust and can be easily maintained and deployed in various business units. Chevron intends to transform their Fiber Optics solutions by using latest IoT technologies, collecting readings from the sensors at the well site and storing data in the Hadoop clusters and uploading the same data to Azure cloud storage. The data output is visualized, displaying heat maps and network connectivity in the form of dashboards.

**Roles and Responsibilities:**

* Involved SDLC phases like Requirements Gathering, Analysis, Design, Build and Deployment for ASP.Net MVC Web Applications. Implemented procedures for interpretation of business analysis according to agile and user story patterns.
* Design and Developing Enterprise application using ASP.NET MVC Web applications with rich user controls.
* Designing and Developing WEB APIs and micro services on Azure Cloud Platform for Enterprise applications integration.
* Design and Developing Enterprise application using ASP.NET MVC Web applications with rich user controls.
* Developed Azure Integration Services using azure functions to address complex data processing by using WEB APIs
* Created Http Trigger and Service Bus Trigger Azure functions.
* Developed Azure Logic Apps that helps to receive the files from BizTalk server and trigger http and service bus trigger azure functions.
* Generated Spotfire Dashboard with quick/context/global filters, parameters, and calculated fields on Spotfire reports.
* Used LINQ to SQL (object relational mapping) for integrating data validation and business logic rules into data models.
* Developed MVC web applications by using code first and database first approaches in Entity Framework
* Supporting Various Web applications, SSRS, SSIS, SQL Server and MS Access, across sites
* Provided demo to client team and stakeholders after each release of this project and gathered improvement feedback and showed progress.
* Designed and developed the reports according to the requirements using Power BI and explored Azure SQL Database data
* Use of Agile methodologies and toolset for developing applications that adhere to the principle of Software as a Service SaaS. This includes writing components using Design Pattern and Continuous Integration (CI) deployment using GitHub.
* As part of code delivery methodology, attend scrum meetings, daily stand-up meetings and weekly working session meetings.

**Environment:** **C#, .Net Core, .Net framework 4.6.1/4.7.2, ASP.Net MVC 5, Web API, Visual Studio 2019, Azure Functions, Service Bus, Event Hub, LogicApps, Cosmos DB, Azure Data Lake (ADLS), Power BI , TIBCO Spotfire, Azure DevOps , Postman**

**Client: Columbia Sportswear Company, Portland, OR Oct '2018 – Dec’ 2019**

**Role: .Net/Azure developer**

**Project Description**: The Columbia Sportswear Company is an American company that manufactures and distributes various products like outerwear, sportswear, and footwear, as well as headgear, camping equipment, ski apparel, and outerwear accessories and is into Retail and e-commerce. Open Data platform is Columbia’s collection of utilities meant to accelerate the repeatable, governed, self-service and safe consumption of Azure cloud service offerings. Our team is responsible for the health and maintenance of CSC-azure but will accept pull requests from teams with improvements ideas.

**Roles and Responsibilities:**

* Providing the estimation for the new developments, enhancements and change requests.
* Providing the Solution Architecture Approach and Technical Design Documents.
* Designing and Developing WEB APIs and micro services on Azure Cloud Platform for Enterprise applications integration.
* Design and Developing Enterprise application using ASP.NET MVC Web applications with rich user controls.
* Developed multiple azure functions like Http Trigger and Service Bus Trigger Azure functions.to address complex data processing by using WEB APIs.
* Worked on the best number of instances to address huge files processing, performed Scale up and Scale down the number of instances.
* Created complex stored procedures in Cosmos DB using JavaScript programming model with SQL API using Azure Cosmos DB Emulator
* Involved in Cosmos DB documents scale and indexing policy
* Prepared unit test cases for Web APIs and Azure functions using mock framework and written BDD test scenarios using Spec Flow for micro services.
* Optimizing e-commerce transaction workflows to improve checkout speed and reliability, incorporating features such as dynamic pricing, promotional code management, and secure payment processing solutions.
* Worked on Swagger Hub and Swagger UI for Web API design and implementation
* Monitored the Application insights for the existing functions debugging and incident resolution.
* Continuously monitor and optimize the performance of e-commerce applications, ensuring fast load times and smooth transaction processes, particularly during high traffic periods like sales or product launches
* Created complex stored procedures and SQL views to join multiple tables for contract data interface files
* Involved in development and enhancements of the REST based enterprise services using Web API
* Created and maintained fully automated CI/CD pipelines for code deployment using Azure DevOps and PowerShell

**Environment:** **C#, .Net Core, .Net Standard, .Net framework 4.6.1/4.7.2, ASP.Net MVC, Web API, Visual Studio 2017/2019, Azure Functions, LogicApps, Cosmos DB, Swagger, MS Test, NUnits, Spec Flow DevOps, Postman**

**Client: Microsoft, Redmond, WA Oct '2017 – Oct’ 2018**

**Project: MSN Games**

**Role: Technical lead developer**

**Project Description**: MSN Games is a gaming website which generates revenues through advertisements. It hosts both its own games as well as partner hosted games on its website. MSN Games portal supports single player, multiplayer web games as well as enables download of the games. The Gaming platform is also integrated with Windows XP/Millennium and Windows 7 Operating Systems, which enable users to play online games from within the desktop.

**Roles and Responsibilities:**

* Involved SDLC phases like Requirements Gathering, Analysis, Design, Build and Deployment for ASP.Net MVC Web Applications. Implemented procedures for interpretation of business analysis according to agile and user story patterns.
* Played the role of Development Lead and Subject Matter Expert for implementing the solutions by using ASP.Net MVC.
* Gather customer defects on regular basis and Perform root cause analysis on customer defects to identify areas of improvement for the project
* Interacted with the appropriate team and followed the client process for hosting and deployment work. Provided data migration support after deployment.
* Maintained a consistent look and feel across all the pages within MVC application by Razor layout (\_layout. cshtml)
* Effectively used ASP.NET security infrastructure for authenticating and authorizing user access as well as performing other security related tasks using C#.NET.
* Designed and developed a security system to enable/disable various GUI controls based upon the user role.
* Created complex stored procedures and SQL views to join multiple tables for contract data interface files
* Involved in development and enhancements of the REST based enterprise services using Web API
* Worked on creating Rest Services using ASP.NET Web API and C# to save data from external applications.
* Investigate present public cloud azure applications, research & develop new private cloud services applications and Create Solution Architecture based upon Microsoft Azure PaaS Services
* Hands on implementation of azure operations dealing with IAAS infrastructure (VMs, Virtual networking, Azure services, Web site deployment) and deploying applications as PAAS (websites, web roles and worker roles)

**Environment:** **C#. ASP.Net 4.5, MVC 4, MVC 5, Web API, jQuery, Bootstrap, Visual Studio 2013/2015, VB.Net, VB Script, SQL Server 2014/2016, WCF, Microsoft Azure, and Exchange Web services (EWS), TFS 2015 and IIS**

**Company: Accenture Client: RIOTINTO, Australia Nov'2013 - Oct’ 2017**

**Role: Senior Software Engineer**

**Project Description:** Rio Tinto is one of leading mining organizations, Rio Tinto mining IT Application Outsourcing is focused mainly at maintenance and enhancements of 5 most critical applications identified by RTCA namely OSI PI, Ampla, CCLAS, Mine Market and reporting for 6 mining sites. Accenture aims to provide end to end outsourcing support for the complete mining IT application landscape for Rio Tinto Energy globally.

**Roles and Responsibilities:**

* Analysis, preparing technical specs, developing and implementation of changes and testing
* Participated in learning and understanding of agile SCRUM processes for functionality and performance.
* Executed effective processes for continuous development of Agile project modules for various clients.
* Developing a new web application as part of service requests.
* Generating estimates for enhancements and defect fixes.
* Provided training to the team on the initial phase of the project after deployment.
* Provided demo to client team and stakeholders after each release of this project and gathered improvement feedback and showed progress.
* Used ASP.NET and C# in MVC 4.0 framework for front-end development
* Created Business Logic and Data Access Layers to implement the MVC architecture.
* Extensively used WCF framework to build applications that inter-communicate and implement services using Service Contract and Data Operation
* Used LINQ to SQL (object relational mapping) for integrating data validation and business logic rules into data models.
* Developed MVC web applications by using code first and database first approaches in Entity Framework
* Supporting Various Web applications, SSRS, SSIS, SQL Server and MS Access, across sites
* Designed and developed stored procedures, queries and views necessary to support SSRS reports
* Developed different kind of reports such a Sub Reports, Charts, Matrix reports, Linked reports.
* Created, implemented and maintained a reporting suite of over 72 standard reports while also customizing many reports to meet individual client needs.
* Created drill down, drill through, sub and linked reports using SSRS 2008 as well as managed the reports subscriptions
* Created SSIS packages to export and import data from CSV files, Text files and Excel spreadsheet. Involved in installation, configuration and developing of SSIS packages using BIDS.
* Designed and developed various SSIS packages to extract and transform data and involved in Scheduling SSIS Packages.
* Providing the Estimation for new developments and enhancements. Involved in Migration/Upgrade of Data Base servers
* By using Exchange Web services (EWS), Developed Windows service for Exporting Lab results excel reports which are sent by vendors to local repository
* Developed Web Services for the System using .Net (SOAP/XML).
* Invoking of Web Services using C#.Net and exposed them through SOAP and HTTP.
* Created XML Web Services, Managed web service interaction through SOAP and XML messages encryption and consumed Web Services from ASP.NET web applications.
* Developed reports using SSRS 2008 and involved reports migration from SSRS 2005 to 2008 and Microsoft Power BI
* Designed and developed the reports according to the requirements using Power BI and explored Azure SQL DB data
* Programmed stored procedures, user defined functions, database triggers and packages and all the database objects needed in SQL server environment to implement business logic.
* Developed stored procedures, triggers in PL/SQL for lowering traffic between servers & clients.
* Developed SSIS packages for Data population using SSIS 2008.
* Developed windows services to store SQL Server data into Cloud base data warehousing by using Microsoft Azure and Amazon Web Services (AWS) Redshift with S3 Bucket. Implemented Security in Web Applications using Azure and Deployed Web Applications to Azure.
* Used Microsoft Azure platform for the building, managing applications and deploying web applications. Created Azure virtual machines. Experienced in Architecting Cloud Solutions using Microsoft Azure for PAAS/IAAS

**Accomplishments:**

* Client appreciation for automated services by using Exchange Web Services which are helpful to reduce manual intervention and Cost
* Trained new employees on .Net technologies and Project functionality resulting in increased customer satisfaction

**Environment:** **C#. ASP.Net3.5/4.0/4.5, MVC 4, MVC 5, Razor Web API, RESTful APIs, jQuery, Bootstrap, Visual Studio 2008/2010/2013, VB.Net, VB Script, SQL Server 2008 R2/2012/2014/2016, SSRS 2005/2008, SSIS 2008, PL/SQL**

**Microsoft Power BI and MS Access, WCF, Microsoft Azure, AWS Redshift, Exchange Web services (EWS), TFS 2013/15, IIS7.0, Ampla, OSI PI**

**Company: Accenture Client: VALE-Brazil, Bangalore India May'2010 – Oct'2013**

**Role: Sr .Net Developer**

**Roles and Responsibilities:**

* Analysis, preparing technical specs, developing and implementation of changes and testing on the programs given by onshore
* Developing new web application as part of change and service requests.
* Conduct Defect Prevention session for high slippage every month to discuss the commonly occurring defects & root causes for customer defects.
* Used ASP.NET web controls and HTML control in the design of web pages.
* Designed, modeled multi-threaded, enterprise n-tier software agent using WCF services
* Developed Web Services for the System using .Net (SOAP/XML).
* Created, hosted WCF Services and used different bindings to make it available to different types of clients.
* Deployment of web services for online transactions using C# and exposed them through SOAP and HTTP.
* Implemented Dependency Injection, Repository Pattern, Unit of Work and Mocking framework for Unit test of entire application.
* Extensively used ASP.NET web server controls like Grid View for displaying the records.
* Experienced in developing and consuming Web Services and n-tier web applications.
* Used JSON, jQuery for the Client side to pass the parameters for handshake across applications and for client-side AJAX call, validations.
* Implemented Web API REST Services with JSON and bind through Ajax call.
* Used ADO.NET for data interaction between the web application and the Database using Data reader, Datasets, and Data Adapters controls.
* Created detail design document, to convert the existing oracle reports to SQL stored procedures and SSRS 2008 reports
* Responsible for performance tuning and Optimization of stored procedures using SQL Profiler and DB tuning wizard.
* Created database objects using SQL Server including complex Stored Procedures, DTS packages, triggers, cursors, tables, and views and other SQL joins and statements for applications.

**Accomplishments**

* Out Performance Award and Accenture Celebrates excellence award (ACE) from Accenture
* Increased customer satisfaction by 25% through effectively deployed the custom applications on time.

**Environment:** **C#, ASP.Net 2.0/3.5/4.0 SQL Server2005/2008, WCF, Web API, RESTful APIs, AJAX, JavaScript, XML, XSLT, TFS 2012, SIMATIC IT MES**

**Company: TCS Client: Motorola, Bangalore India Nov'2009 – Mar'2010**

**Role: .Net Developer**

**Roles and Responsibilities:**

* Analysis, preparing technical specs, developing and implementation of changes and testing on the programs
* Writing UI & Functional logic in C# and ASP.Net with back end support, Unit testing and creating .msi file
* Involved in preparation of Detail Design document with prototypes and screen shots based on the requirement documents. Developed ASP.NET pages using C# on the approved Design Document.
* Used java script to handle Client –Side validations.
* Created generic secure and reusable data access components using the ADO.NET objects such as Dataset, Data Adapter and Data Reader. Created Stored Procedures, User Defined functions, & Triggers
* Implemented the ASP.NET security features like Forms Authentication.
* Fixing of problems and issues which come across during various stages of implementation like CRs and bug fixing.
* Performed the unit testing for the application and resolving technical issues, writing& modifying code.

**Environment** **C#, ASP.Net 3.5 SQL Server2005/2008, AJAX, JavaScript, XML, XSLT, NUnits 2.0**

**Company: Keane Client: MCKESSON Nov'2007–Oct’2009**

**Project: Horizon Expert Notes (HEN)**

**Role: .Net Developer**

**Roles and Responsibilities:**

* Involved in development of Web Forms, Classes using C#.NET that incorporates both N-tier architecture and database connectivity. Designing of forms and GUI was done as per client requirements.
* Used Visual Studio .NET 2008 IDE to design the forms, develop and debug the application.
* Worked on different aspects of .NET framework like ASP.NET 3.5, ADO.NET and C#.
* Involved in designing of User Interface with CSS, HTML, and DHTML.
* Developed presentation layer using server-controls, HTML controls and user and custom controls.
* Created and deployed Web Services using C#, SOAP, XML for Pulling Customer Service Records.
* Modified web services to interact with the other applications and exposed them using SOAP and HTTP.
* Used various ASP.NET 3.5 web server controls that included Site Map Path, Menu, Tree View, Grid View and Details View to develop web forms.
* Coding and Testing of the program developments sent by Onsite
* Analysis, preparing Technical Specs, developing and implementation of changes and testing on the programs given by onsite which are getting to generate wrong reports or if the programs are involved in a system enhancement projects.
* Preparing Unit test plan Documents and involved in Unit Testing (Using NUnits Framework).

**Environment:** **C#, ASP.Net 3.5/2.0, SQL Server2005, AJAX, JavaScript, XML, XSLT, FxCop1.36, NUnits 2.0, Resharper 4.1. and SVN**