

Curriculum Vitae of Simon Chester

Personal Profile

Simon Chester is an IT professional with an interest in developing new and innovative software solutions. Throughout his work and research, Simon has gained extensive knowledge on a wide range of topics including software development and networking.

Simon has spent much of his professional life working in Research & Development, focusing on developing new database-driven software systems using the latest Microsoft platforms & technologies. Simon is an experienced web and software application developer who is proficient in VB.NET and ASP.NET with Microsoft Visual Studio.

Personal Details

Full Name: Dr Simon David Chester

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Date of Birth: 13th May 1982 (Age: 28).

British nationality and residence. Current driving licence with no endorsements. Own car.

Education & Training

Date	Institution	Qualification/Grade
Sep 2003 – Dec 2009	University of Portsmouth	<i>PhD</i> (Part-time) in Electronic Systems & Generic Models of Student Assessment
Mar 2004 – Feb 2006	Knowledge Transfer Partnerships / Momenta	<i>NVQ Level 4: Management</i>
Oct 2000 – Jun 2003	University of Portsmouth	<i>BSc (Hons): Internet Technology (2:1)</i>
Sep 1998 - Jun 2000	Havant College	<i>A-Levels: Computing, Mathematics, Electronics & General Studies</i>
Sep 1994 - Jun 1998	City of Portsmouth Boys' School	<i>GCSEs: 7 high-grade passes</i>

Employment

Oct 2008 - Present Self-Employed Software Developer (Numerous Contracts)

Simon provided software development services to small businesses in the south of England. Projects undertaken included:

- extending and managing an ASP.NET website (with an SQL database back end) for a publishing company.
- migrating Visual Basic and VBA applications to new Microsoft .Net platforms.

Jan 2008 – Jul 2008 Nimbus Partners Ltd (Test Engineer)

Nimbus Partners Ltd produce Control 2007 – business process modelling software that enables consistent adoption of strategic initiatives throughout organizations. Simon's work involved:

- Working closely with the developers to ensure that defects are correctly resolved.
- Creating and configuring virtualized test environments (including Share Point deployment).
- Developing automated tests and tools (using Microsoft C# .NET) to assist Testers.

Mar 2006 – Jan 2008 Counterpoint MTC Ltd (Research & Development Engineer)

Counterpoint MTC is one of the leading suppliers of music technology products and services to the education sector in the United Kingdom. Simon's work primarily involved:

- Development of new software products in VB.NET and ASP.NET

- Design and administration of Microsoft SQL Server 2000 & 2005 databases (using SQL Server Management Studio)
- Technical research

Simon also provided technical support to other areas of the company and to external customers.

Mar 2004 – Feb 2006 University of Portsmouth (KTP Associate)

During this joint venture between the University of Portsmouth and Counterpoint MTC Ltd., Simon produced new multi-user database components and ASP.NET web systems as part of the company's electronic assessment product, eSAAMS. Simon received training in project management and completed a Level 4 NVQ in Management.

Jul 2003 – Mar 2004 Self-Employed Technical Consultant

Simon provided a number of technical services to small businesses, including (but not limited to):

- Development of software applications and web based systems using Microsoft .NET
- Database analysis and development

Professional Skills

Operating Systems	Use, installation & configuration of: Windows (many versions from NT 4, including Server 2008 & Windows 7), Linux (mainly Ubuntu) & HP-Unix
Programming	Languages and tools: Microsoft VB.NET & ASP.NET with Microsoft Visual Studio (2003 – 2008), C & C++ (on various platforms), Java & PHP (incorporating data access with MySQL database servers), Microsoft VisualBasic (version 6)
Database Systems	Installation and programming: Microsoft SQL Server 2000, 2005 and 2008, Microsoft Access (various versions), MySQL
Networking	Setting-up & administering small business networks. Structured cabling installations. Configuration of Windows Servers and Cobalt RAQ servers.
Web Development	Creating and managing several websites. Extensive knowledge of HTML, CSS, JavaScript, XML & XSLT . Experience with Microsoft Internet Information Server (IIS), Apache Web Server and VBScript .

Professional Activities & Affiliations

Simon attended a number of KTP residential training modules between April 2004 and September 2006, focusing on: Management, Communication and Leadership skills.

Simon presented a paper entitled "New Electronic Multimedia Assessment System" at the 2nd International Conference on Web Information Systems & Technologies (Portugal, April 2006).

Member of the British Computer Society & Chartered Management Institute (from 2004 to 2006).

References

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