

Sven Latham - Curriculum Vitae

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Summary

I am a team worker, enjoying the pace and intellectual aspects of working in a group. I am also able to work independently as necessary. I have a professional attitude to work, seeking to produce high-quality outcomes with minimum expense and time. I particularly enjoy problem-solving exercises; finding unique and innovative ways to conquer challenges and hurdles.

I prefer to maintain a broad overview of technologies and skills, to be able to consider many possibilities when faced with a challenge. When solutions are found, I am able to devote my concentration in a particular area to fulfil the requirements given. I am a fast learner, and like to keep abreast of new and interesting developments in IT.

Other interests include cycling, photography, squash, snooker, martial arts and swimming.

Skills

I have strong daily experience with PHP, MySQL, SQLite, Perl, Linux administration, Windows desktop, Office applications (principally Word, Access, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook), Office VBA, BIND, Postfix, Apache, XML, XSLT, HTML, CSS, Javascript, XML-RPC, Photoshop.

I am a capable developer of VRML, Java, Python, SMIL, SOAP, VB.

I have also worked with Tcl, C(++), Lighttpd, Zope, Sendmail, 3D Studio Max.

Frequent contact with clients, customers and suppliers. Often give sales and other presentations; MS Powerpoint experience. Some small-business financial & operational experience.

Education

2001-2004	BSc (Hons) Computer Science Degree, 2nd Class University of Southampton, UK
1999-2001	A-Levels ('A' - Computer Science; 'C' - Physics; 'A' - Maths) Bay House School, Gosport
1994-1999	11 GCSEs (4 'A's incl. English, Maths and Science, 4 'B's & 3 'C's) Bridgemary Community School, Gosport

Experience

2001-2006

Head of Systems; Director (2006-present) - DuckDriver Ltd., Chichester, West Sussex

Part-time 2001-2004. Full time July 2004 onwards. Principal developer of UK web directory www.1do3.com. Principal developer of website creation software, www.shortal.com. Responsible for maintenance and installation of all IT systems including hardware and software, whilst meeting and exceeding demanding SLAs. Responsible for technical support of many thousands of customers' websites, including face-to-face and phone & email support.

More recently, I have become a director of the company, playing a more involved role in the management, operation and promotion of the organisation. Although in June 2006 I leave the company as an employee, I remain as a director of DuckDriver Ltd. to continue investing in its growth and success.

Daily use of PHP, MySQL, SQLite, Perl. Daily management of Linux, Apache, Bind, Postfix. Regularly make public presentations, meet & support customers. Some accounting and company operation experience.

2002-2006

Developer & Manager - Blogwise

www.blogwise.com is a website developed to categorise and document the growing number of 'blogs' (personal and subject journals) published daily on the Internet, and increasingly popularised by mainstream media. The site has rapidly grown in size, and now serves many millions of pages monthly.

This project, now moved to DuckDriver, has proven to be interesting and testing, and in meeting the challenges of a large-scale project I have exercised a large variety of skills, including server administration and optimisation, multicast & real-time applications, and load distribution.

In recent years, I have been contacted by various media outlets for interviews and opinion. Statistics and other references from Blogwise and myself are regularly published in the press and academic literature.

Daily use of PHP, Perl, MySQL, SQLite. Developed experience with load balancing systems, optimisation of servers, low-level network management. Regular press communications. Some basic accounting & tax experience.

2001-2002

Sales Team - Epson UK

Weekend sales role over the Christmas period, promoting Epson printers and scanners at PC World, Basingstoke.

Key presentation and customer interaction skills exercised and developed.

1999-2004

Software Engineer & IT Support - Snell & Wilcox Ltd., Petersfield, Hampshire

Part-time IS & IT role in this international broadcast engineering company. Helped develop, support, and latterly steer the development of the company websites and worldwide Intranet. Regularly worked closely with marketing department to promote key messages and products via company website. Developed and implemented Access-based phonebook system across UK and overseas sites. Built internal search system covering Intranet pages, documents and other intellectual assets.

Extensive use of PHP, MySQL, Access, Apache, Visual Basic, Perl.