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Education

New Jersey Institute of Technology, Masters of Science in Computer Science
Montclair State University, Bachelor of Arts, Mathematics/Physics

Industrial Experience

Cullen Programming (Present) -- Provide technical services and develop programming products:

- zVM Server installation, maintenance and performance management.
- Provide metrics tracking of CP and zLinux Guest operational performance and trends.
- zVM monitoring, automation management and extender products for zVM operations.
- Custom REXX, SQL, and BASH Shell language programming for systems automation.
- Secure TCP/IP, Tunneling, VPN and Firewall configurations.
- Linux Server installation, KVM/QEMU and VirtualBox virtualization.
- CMS/PIPES, JAVA Pipelines, and multi-threaded REXX applications.
- Custom programming on IBM and Intel platforms.
- Basic Assembly Language (BAL) code translation and COBOL conversions.
- CICS operations and control policy Automation using vehicles such as OPS/MVS and REXX.

Bluehill Data Processing (Present)

- Provide custom programming services to collect resource consumption statistical data.
- Provide automated zVM operations and performance monitoring software.

Innovation Data Processing (5/2012 to 8/2020)

- Provide zVM systems programming services to install and maintain zVM5.4 thru zVM7.2.
- Authored REXX programming for PerfKit and Programmable Operator to implement focal point management and stateful automation of service machines, networking and guests.
- Install, configure and maintain multiple releases of both SLES and RHEL zLinux images.
- Maintain several zVM Production, "Golden" and Quality Assurance images.
- Install GPFS/SPECTRUM suites under RedHat Enterprise zLinux.
- Install Hitachi HDS zLinux appliances under VMWARE.
- Representative to IBM's VM Council and the MVMUA organization.

Verisk-Analytics (ISO) (9/2009 to 5/2010)

Provide architectural, automation management and high availability technical services for zVM environments running hundreds of zLinux guest images.

- Upgrade zVM and implement Automation Management for VM and Guests.
- Provide recommendations to effect high performance and reliability of zLinux operation.
- Configure HiperSockets, Virtual and Guest LANs, improving network performance.
- Exploit HyperPAV, memory locking and SRM adjustments to improve performance.

- Lower guest virtual storage requirements via shared NSS and DCSS mapping.
- Reduced operator function through Message Event and Time-of-Day focal point automation.
- Consolidated security function, command logging and archiving facilities.
- Provided skill transfer to systems programmers through lecture. and demonstration.

Search EDP Consulting Services (6/2008 to 12/2008)

Provided technical services to maintain client's zVM operating environment and support their zOS guest development platforms during zOS conversion.

IBM Global Technology Services (5/2007 to 9/2007)

Provided technical services to stabilize client's zVM operating environment and zLinux guests.

- Configure HiperSockets, Virtual Switches and Guest LANs, improving network performance.
- Reduce operator function through Message Event and Time-of-Day focal point automation.
- Provide skill transfer to systems programmers through lecture and demonstration.
- Improve the operating performance and reliability of zLINUX servers.

Rosebud Management Systems (8/2004 to 2/2012)

Rosebud developed a facility that allows IBM z/OS mainframe customers to port their applications, JCL, and schedule seamlessly to a Windows distributed environment. My services included:

- Translated 370/390 Basic Assembly Language programs and macros to COBOL programming.
- Custom COBOL programming for mainframe to distributed desktop conversions.
- Upgrade and maintain Linux operating environment, kernel and RPM component packages.
- Maintain secure Apache HTTP, multiple DNS zones, Mail, Secure Shell and FTP servers.

Pershing Technology Group (5/2001 to 4/2002)

- Develop and maintain automated operator processes for brokerage clearing house systems using CA-OPS/MVS/CICS in a Sysplex OS/390 environment using REXX and BAL.
- Designed a focal pointed automation architecture that performs operator scheduling management of entire CICS suite of hundreds of regions over multiple sysplexes.
- Designed automated recovery of processes for surviving LPARs in the event of loss.
- Consultant on prototype design that would migrate NT and Unix server farms to VM/Linux.

Mainframe Service Providers (10/99 to 05/2001)

- Provided VM, VSE, z/OS, LINUX, AIX and TCP/IP technical services for clients that have acquired IBM processors. Establish customized automated environment for customers.

- Develop and support proprietary products using JAVA and REXX that provide automated computer operations, performance measurement, message capture and scrolling.
- Provided remote VM system maintenance, product deployment and problem remediation.

New York Life Insurance (8/1997 to 10/1999)

- Developed scanning tools using JAVA, REXX and PIPES for analysis of date coding.
- Built relational database using DB2/SQL to house inventory, program code relationships and automate the tracking of Y2K objects.
- Analyzed current systems written in BAL, COBOL, CLIST and REXX for date sensitivity.

Chemical Banking Corporation (J.P.Morgan Chase) (8/1989 to 10/1995).

- Analyzed and advised on large technology projects that advanced competitive position.
- Increased VM performance and developed MVS Guest and LPAR testing platforms.
- Developed automation processes to support Remote Command Center Operations and the monitoring of enterprise-wide applications on a 24x365 basis.
- Designed and programmed enhancements to automation packages in BAL & REXX.
- Programming and implementation of Target System Control Facility (TCSF) and development of a highly multi-threaded dispatching system used for the simultaneous manipulation of several local and remote processor complexes for automated IPL and Shutdown sequencing.
- Developed MVS, TSO, NetView and REXX language based automation processes to facilitate the rapid execution of disaster/recovery exercises.
- Designed and programmed enhancements to automation packages in Basic Assembly Language. All major automation programming systems employed OPS/MVS and NetView on the MVS images, and CA-VM Operator on VM images as its base and focal point of control.

Elastimold Division of Thomas and Betts Corporation (1/1984 to 8/1998)

- Developed and maintained an automated production operating platform.
- Responsible for the management of all CICS production and testing environments.
- Designed SNA based corporate LAN Server backbone with VM acting as control point
- Performed programming problem determination tasks and increased batch performance.
- Authored facility to provide management with a real-time view of computer resource use.
- Programmed exits for VM, VSE, VTAM, RSCS, CICS, DIRMAINT and POWER in BAL.

(Further prior engagement information available upon request)

Other Involvements

Served as Technical Judge with the FIRST Robotic Competitions (2013 - 2020)

Software engineering mentor to Hackettstown High School FIRST Robotics Team (2016 - 2021)

Warren County Community College (WCCC) Technology Advisory Board (2009 - 2018)

County College of Morris (CCM) Technology Advisory Committee (2012 - 2022)

Commissioner on the Independence Township Land Use Board (2014 - Present)

Serve on IBM's VM Council which directs improvements to the zVM product suite (2017 - Present)

Environmentals

Software Skills: z/VM (VM370 thru zVMv7.2 early release, VM Programmable Operator (PROP), PerfKit, DIRMAINT, RSCS
z/OS, CA-OPS
z/VSE
TCP/IP, Target System Control Facility, System Manager, Virtual LAN
z/LINUX (both RHEL and SUSE), KVM, Hercules, SQL

Language Skills: REXX (all platforms), COBOL
Basic Assembly Language (BAL) 370 thru Z Architectures, x86 64-bit architecture
JAVA, JDBC, C/C++
Bash Unix Shell Scripting, Regular Expressions
AWK, SED, GREP, PIPES

Academic Teaching Experience

I have instructed more than 250 college credit hours in the Computer Science curriculum.

County College of Morris (9/2012 - Present)

Adjunct-II Professor of Computer Science.

"Assembly Language Programming"

"Fundamentals of Computer Architecture"

Remote Classroom instruction using WebEx

Sussex County Community College (9/2003 - 5/2017)

Senior Adjunct Professor of Computer Science.

"Data Structures"

"Computer Architecture and Assembly Language"

"Operating Systems Theory"

"Linux Operating Systems"

"Computer Science I and II"

"Advanced C++ Programming"

Completed the Teaching in Higher Education Certificate (*Level I and Level II*) at the SCCC Center for Teaching and Professional Excellence.

Centenary University (1/2004 to 12/2006)

Adjunct Professor of Computer Science.

"Introduction to Computers and Information Literacy"

Warren County Community College (1/2006 - 5/2009)

Senior Adjunct Professor of Computer Science.

"Data Communications"

"Unix Operating Systems"

"C++ Programming"