

Steve Jones

Brimstone Advantage Limited

Curriculum Vitae

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Personal Profile

Director of Brimstone Advantage Limited since February 2014. Highly motivated and customer focused individual with senior management skills. Aptitude for acquiring new skills and able to operate in consultancy or support duties, coupled with excellent interpersonal skills. Exposure to broad range of working practices, from small not-for-profit companies to large consultancies.

With Brimstone Advantage Limited

Brimstone Advantage Limited was formed in February 2014 to provide consultancy services to small businesses in the North-West area, focussing on my skills and experience. Since this time, I have worked with private and public sector companies in the North West and Cambridgeshire on projects such as:

- *IT Support and Services* – [multiple primary schools and academies](#), [Paragon Pub Group Ltd.](#), [Country Side Training Ltd.](#), [Aluminium and Automation Ltd.](#),
- *Database and Infrastructure administration and support* – [Elephant Kiosks Ltd.](#), [Environmental Essentials Ltd.](#)
- *Business Intelligence Development* – [Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council](#)
- *Infrastructure Projects and Support* – [SecureFast Plc.](#)
- *Basic website building and hosting (on AWS)* – [MPCG People Ltd.](#), [Aluminium and Automation Ltd.](#)
- *IT Training* – [Ibstock Brick Ltd.](#)

Technical Skills & Experience

My career in IT started in 1996 administering Microsoft SQL Server and other RDBMS systems. I also have experience in network management, telephony, management reporting and migrating systems to new infrastructures. Skills in both commercial and open source software alike, such as UNIX systems and Windows Server, meaning I can offer more than one solution to a problem.

Core Skills Summary

Microsoft SQL Server – 2008, 2014, 2016
Transact SQL
SQL Server Reporting Services 2008, 2014
SSIS/ETL
Hyper-V
PaaS - AWS/Microsoft Azure
Windows Server Family – including 2016
UNIX Admin (*BSD, Centos, Redhat)
Apache/IIS

Secondary Skills Summary

Networking/VPN/DHCP
DNS/SSL Certificate Management
Firewall Administration – PF (Packet Filter)
Web Services/SOAP
PostgreSQL/MySQL
Active Directory
SFTP & SSH
VoIP/Inter-tel Systems

Career Achievements

- ✓ Management of MI department consisting of 26 staff managing a hybrid of data warehousing and OLTP systems
 - ✓ Complete migration of self hosted infrastructure to new co-located hosted environment, including hardware and software procurement, system configuration (firewall, proxy, web and database servers)
 - ✓ Development and administration of data mining and reporting solution, aggregating tables of more than 500 million rows to provide timely reports to customers
 - ✓ Conception and implementation of thin client application for Children's Information Service's with Active Directory and training users on the new application
 - ✓ Project management and delivery of third party system to global recruitment practices with PA Consulting Group. The role included data migrations, installation and training on the system
 - ✓ Planned and delivered large architecture change to Bet365's core trading systems, siphoning trading activity away from the main systems to reduce contention. This had to be done with zero impact to the business, being a true 24/7 operation
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Work Experience

bet365 – MIS Manager – www.bet365.com

January 2012 to February 2014

- Departmental responsibility of MIS function for the reporting of financial and other decision supported data to bet365
- Technical ownership of data warehousing and OLTP systems
- Line Management of six team managers and 26 employees
- Liaising with key stakeholders in the business and senior management
- Technical governance of Regulatory and Compliance initiatives

Codeweavers Ltd – IT Systems Manager - www.codeweavers.co.uk

December 2007 to January 2012

- Systems Manager and architect for automotive software house including overall responsibility for hosted and internal infrastructure, overseeing a small team of specialists
- Performing all DBA functions alongside the development and management of KPI reporting via SSRS 2008
- Reporting to managing director and responsible for all aspects of architectural design including highly redundant infrastructure and database administration duties for failover and scalability
- Responsibility for capacity planning and proactive measures for future projects and load

bet365 – Senior DBA - www.bet365.com

October 2006 to December 2007

- Senior Database Administrator supporting the multiple systems and interrelated components of this website using a mixture of Microsoft SQL Server 2005 and 2000
- Performance tuning and optimisation responsibilities to ensure sustainability of £1bn business through the website
- Project leader on various high profile system changes to ensure stability of architecture

Opportunity Links – IT Systems Manager – www.opportunitylinks.co.uk

March 2002 to September 2006

- Responsible for all external ICT infrastructure delivering government funded contract
- Reporting to Technical Director, responsible for the line and resource management of six technical staff
- Hosting and maintenance of all websites (in excess of 50), web services and databases (in excess of 250)
- Technical sales, consultancy and training for local government and local authorities
- Design and implementation of the technical architecture for the ChildcareLink contract, from database

modelling to data transfer between Ofsted and other government departments

PA Consulting Group – Senior DBA - www.paconsulting.com

January 1998 to March 2002

- Microsoft SQL Server DBA (V6.5, 7 & 2000), responsible for data integrity and consistency of PA's management information database infrastructure
- **July 2000 – April 2001:** Secondment to Virginia, USA to head up a major systems migration
- Rebuilding SQL servers, maintenance checking, data synchronisation, releases of schema changes and stored procedures, resolving database consistency errors and tracking version control
- Project leader for incepting infrastructure changes, including SQL 6.5 to SQL 2000 upgrades of over 20 servers, third party database upgrades and legacy migration development
- Deputy team leader duties including mentoring, giving technical presentations, chairing meetings, resource issues etc

Alphametrics - Developer

September 1996 to January 1998

- Software developer using VB5 along with Sybase SQL Server V11 and NT 4

Education

MSc. Numerical Analysis with Computing	UMIST, Manchester	October 1994 to November 1995
BSc. (Hons.): Mathematics [2:1]	University of Central Lancashire, Preston	September 1991 to June 1994
A Levels: Psychology (C), Mathematics with Statistics (C) & Sociology (E)	Newcastle Under Lyme Tertiary College	September 1988 to June 1991
GCSEs: Maths, English, Biology, Drama, French & Technical Drawing	Clough Hall Comprehensive, Stoke on Trent	September 1983 to June 1988

References available on request.