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Experienced Electronics/Software Engineer. Embedded Software/Hardware Prototyping and Development following Systems Integration and Professional Support.

My professional interests are Production/Broadcast/Streaming Media, Geospatial Technology, and optimisation for Mobile, Low Power Electronics.

I enjoy the process of addressing the technical and strategic aspects of engineering challenges with well considered solutions. I perform best in small, purposeful research and development driven organisations with a collaborative ethos.

EXPERIENCE

PROTOTYPING ENGINEER

Telstra CTO&I

09/14 - Present : Melbourne, AU

- **UAV (Drone) Program Engineering**

Technical program directed at securing Telstra's involvement in standardising monitoring of unmanned aircraft and associated airspace. Design/Development on several Proof-Of-Concept (PoC) projects aimed at demonstrating safe remote operation and management of aerial vehicles using Telstra's mobile network.

- Multi-aircraft aerial survey tasking using ArduPilot/NVidia TX2 + ROS + PostGIS
- Multispectral image orthomosaicing, compression and LTE backhaul. Developed 'fly away' hardware and software package using low cost 5-band camera and R-Pi.
- Prototype unmanned traffic management platform using simulated drones and realtime ADS-B air traffic data.
- Integrated low-cost Software Defined Radio hardware for reducing aircraft payload weight

- **Prototype xDSL/LTE Home Automation Gateways/Routers**

Augmentation of OpenWRT and vendor proprietary stacks • Broadcom MIPS/ARM Linux Integration • Broadcom SoC hardware acceleration • WWAN kernel driver integration • Jenkins CI/CD • Gateway Hardware OEM liaison

- **Blockchain Technology Evaluations**

Evaluation of several blockchain technologies • PoC for automotive/insurance: CanBus/OBD logging, Cat M1 LTE backhaul, lodgment on blockchain-backed ledger • Proof-Of-Concept integration into Telstra's Home Gateway products.

SENIOR ENGINEER

Dolby Australia

09/10 - 08/14 : Sydney, AU

Integration of Dolby's audio processing algorithms/codecs into mobile phones/tablets and 3rd party applications in the Mobile Audio Team

- **iOS/Android Operating System Integration & Support**

Android/iOS/WinCE/Symbian OS and application-level integration of DSP & Codec libraries • ARM GCC/RVDS Compatibility and Porting • OEM/ODM Tier 3 remote and on-site support • OpenMax, OpenSL-ES, Core Audio library wrappers

- **Devops/CI for Android OS**

Designed and built git/gerrit/Jenkins CI environment for Android • P4 to git transition management • Qualcomm Soc Platform Integration • Open Source Release Policy/Process

- **Amazon Kindle Fire HD**

OpenMax DD+ Audio Codec Integration & Test • 1 month on-site integration support in California

BROADCAST ENGINEER

TCN9

05/10-09/10 : Sydney, AU

- **TV Sports Data Manipulation/Ingest Tool Development**

Python tool to automate ingest of error-prone, manually created cue-sheet metadata from archive rugby/cricket games into an EVS video server, providing instant access to relevant archive material during live broadcasts

APPLICATIONS ENGINEER

Amino Communications

2007-2010 : UK/USA

Customer Integration, Custom Development and Tier 3 Support

- **Applications Engineering**

IPTV systems engineering, pre/post sales support, customer training and internal infrastructure projects • One year spent on secondment to the Atlanta, GA office

- **Remote Customer Test/Validation**

SNMP/Zabbix Agent-based monitoring of ~100 Amino set-top-boxes using an L2 tunnel to a customer's production IPTV network for test and validation of software releases

- **Automated Content Conformance Checking**

Developed an MPEG-TS analysis & analytics application that allowed support to upload content for automated compliance checking, archival and metadata analysis

BROADCAST INTEGRATION ENGINEER

MHz/Tandberg TV (Ericsson)
2005-2007 : Cambridge, UK

Broadcast systems design, build and test, with a focus on digital production and broadcast equipment installation and configuration

- **Project Highlights**

- **Intelsat (USA, Maryland) 150 Channel DVB/IPTV Headend**
 - System physical build supervision, configuration, test and commissioning
 - System Configuration: Encoders, Multiplexing, Monitoring, Automation
 - SNMP Monitoring
- **US Embassy London broadcast suite refurbishment**
- **BBC Outside Broadcast HD Retrofit**

- **Validation of AMBA/AHB SoC Bus Protocol Implementations**

Ran gate-level simulations of ARM processors (ModelSim), and validation of customer designs against bus specifications • High degree of accuracy required to avoid protocol violations in fabricated chips

- **Automated Configuration of High-Speed, Network-Attached FPGAs**

Developed a Java tool to generate skeleton VHDL code for distributed clusters of FPGA-based processing nodes, primarily for radar/signal processing applications

- **Digital subtitling system for cinema 35mm film presentation**

Product development and field trials of an audio timecode synchronised video overlay subtitling/audio description (AD) system for 35mm cinema projection systems

APPLICATIONS ENGINEER

ARM
2005 : Cambridge, UK

MEng PLACEMENT

QinetiQ
2005 : Malvern, UK

MEng YEAR-IN-INDUSTRY

Dolby Laboratories
2002-3 : Wootton Bassett, UK

..... EDUCATION

University of York
2000-5 : York, UK

- **Electronic Engineering (MEng) - 2:1**

..... SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE

Software Development

Languages | C, C++, Python, Java, Javascript, Perl
Toolchains/Build Systems | GNU Toolchains, GCC/LLVM/CLANG, ARM RVDS, ANT, MAVEN, CMAKE

Mobile

Platforms | Linux (x86, ARM, MIPS), OSX, Arduino (AVR), STM32, Android(ARM/x86)
Technologies | Containers (Docker), Virtualisation, CI/CD (Jenkins, Bamboo),

DevOps/Sysadmin

Android | NDK, SDK, AOSP (Stagefright/AudioFlinger development), GeoLocation
iOS | Core Audio, AV Foundation
Technologies | Bluetooth LE/Classic, UMTS/LTE

Broadcast/Media

Tools | Git, Gerrit, Jenkins, P4, Bamboo, Openstack, AWS, Azure
Platforms | Ubuntu/Debian Linux, OSX, Windows
Networking | Typical tech e.g. TCP/UDP/IPv4/6, DNS, Routing, Reading IETF RFCs
Data | MySQL, PostgreSQL/PostGIS

Hardware

IPTV/Streamign | Multicast, RTP/RTMP, WebRTC, HLS, MPEG-DASH
Broadcast | DVB • Terrestrial/Satellite/Microwave Comms • Audio/Video Compression • MPEG/ISO/EBU Standards

GeoSpatial

Electronics | Simple PCB Layout/Production, Soldering/SMT working, build/test/debug of analogue/digital electronics
Light Fabrication/Machining | Metal, wood, plastic, composites, CAD/CAM, CNC control, 3D printing
Systems Integration | Data/Power Cabling

..... OTHER

Voluntary Activities

ESRI ArcGIS, QGIS, GDAL/OGR, GNSS Systems • Tiling • Vector Tiling • Raster/Vector data capture/wrangling/processing • Map Production

Personal Interests

Victoria Bush Search & Rescue : Active member
Occasional Open Source Contributions

References

Cave Surveying/GIS, Canyoning, Climbing & Bushwalking
Immersive Lighting/Computing in Visual Arts

Available on request