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Employment

Oct 2008 – present day:

Technical Lead for the Ubuntu Foundations team.

Dec 2006 – Oct 2008:

Ubuntu Development Manager for Canonical, with responsibility for the Ubuntu Foundations team.

May 2004 – Dec 2006:

Software developer for Canonical Ltd., leading the installer team for the Ubuntu distribution of GNU/Linux.

May 2003 – May 2004:

Software Engineer for nCipher Corporation, Cambridge.

August 2000 – April 2003:

Software Engineer for Zeus Technology, Cambridge, specialising initially in performance and later in web server development. Experience in Unix performance tuning, C++, and Perl (both scripting and XS). Primary author of the Perl extensions to the Zeus Web Server.

June–September 1999:

Summer job in C development (configuration management for embedded communications software) at Data Connection, London.

Other Experience

Self-taught C, Perl, Python, and various other less useful languages, as well as some university-taught programming. I took part in several mathematical and programming competitions as a student, and was twice a member of Ireland's International Olympiad in Informatics team.

Unix development (both out of personal interest and professionally), and competency in Linux administration (Debian, Ubuntu).

In February 2001 I became a developer for the Debian Project (<http://www.debian.org/>). I currently maintain, among others, the man-db, groff, and ctags packages; I co-maintain openssh and grub2; and I am a member of the team which administers the bug tracking system.

I have held a full UK driving licence since 1996, free from endorsements.

I have a classical music background, with training in piano and cello, although these days most of my musical activity is singing.

Education

1997-2000: Trinity College, Cambridge

1990-1997: Our Lady and St. Patrick's College, Knock

Academic Qualifications

12 GCSEs (9 A*s, 3 As); 4 A-levels (4 As); 1 AS (A); 2 STEPs (S in Mathematics II, 1 in Mathematics III).

BA (Hons) in Computer Science from Trinity College, Cambridge; classed as I/I/II.2.

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