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Profile

A second-year Cloud Computing student currently on a placement year. Through my studies, I have gained practical experience with Cisco and VMWare products, and am willing to learn other platforms. This experience and my own interest in Linux server software have helped to develop my problem-solving skills. I can work within deadlines, either alone or within a team as has been required throughout my course so far.

I am looking for an opportunity to further my technical and interpersonal skills, and to obtain VMWare certifications. This experience will help me pursue a career in these fields after completing my university course.

Education

Staffordshire University   **2017 – present**

BSc (Hons) Cloud Computing

Course includes: Cisco routers, switches and IOS software, layer 2 and 3 security, routing protocols (including OSPF and BGP), virtualisation using VMWare products, and software development in the Python language.

[College name removed from public CV]   **2014 – 2017**

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Computing, Triple Distinction* achieved

AS Level in Computing, A achieved

[High school name removed from public CV]   **2009 – 2014**

11 GCSEs, including English (B), maths (B) and IT (B)

Technical skills

- Experience with Cisco IOS routers and switches gained from my university course, including configuration, security and troubleshooting
- Experience with Windows, Mac and Linux operating systems
- Basic knowledge of the Python, Visual Basic and C programming languages, both from my own interest and university course
- Experience with VMWare Workstation and vSphere virtualisation products
- Knowledge of PC hardware from building systems for myself and friends

Additional skills

- Ability to work as part of a team, as demonstrated during my role as Junior IT Technician at Stafford College. This was essential to ensure IT services were available to students at the start of the academic year

- Ability to resolve problems through logical processes. This is required when troubleshooting cabling and configuration issues after building network topologies in the university's lab

- Ability to communicate effectively and clearly, demonstrated through presentations delivered during my time at college and university

Qualifications

- CCNA 1, examined during my university course

Work experience

Junior IT Technician at Stafford College   **Summer 2017**

- Worked as part of a team to remove and relocate computer hardware from a large campus building before its scheduled demolition

- Troubleshooting of hardware deployed across campus

- Worked as a team to install and image new PC and Mac systems before the start of the academic year

IT Technician at Practice Point Ltd.   **February 2017**

A week of work experience, taken as part of my college course. Duties included installing components and operating systems on tower server systems, and configuring software

Hobbies and interests

- I enjoy photography, particularly using a macro lens, and am learning to edit my photos using the Affinity Photo software

- Interest in "retro" computer hardware, including late 1990s PCs, Macs and audio synthesisers

- Interest in the filming, editing and colour correcting of digital video

- I play several music video games, and compete against other national and international players

References

Justin – Computing Award Leader – [Contact details removed from public CV]

Steph – Lecturer – [Contact details removed from public CV]