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SUMMARY

Senior Java Developer with 7+ years of experience crafting impactful applications in financial services. Developed robust Java solutions, showcasing expertise in Spring and multi-threading. Demonstrated skill in optimizing performance while mentoring junior developers. Experience leading teams through project lifecycles ensures compliance with technical standards. Improved trading application responsiveness significantly. Deeply engaged with product owners to drive development aligned with business goals in fast-paced settings. Excited about opportunities to further enhance software quality, reliability, and security within dynamic environments. Eager to contribute knowledge and leadership to Kinetix Solutions.

EXPERIENCE

Senior Java Developer

January 2021 - Present

TechWave Innovations

Dallas, TX

Served as a Senior Java Developer, focusing on design and implementation of resilient applications for financial sectors. Led initiatives that transformed legacy systems into efficient operations while maintaining high availability.

- Engineered scalable Java applications for trading platforms, enhancing both performance and uptime.
- Teamed with cross-functional groups to translate business needs into actionable technical strategies, directly addressing objectives.
- Focused on code reviews and mentoring junior talent, fostering an environment of best practices and collaborative development culture.
- Transformed existing applications to boost performance in latency-sensitive conditions, resulting in notable improvements in speed and user satisfaction.
- Resolved intricate production challenges, ensuring operational stability while reducing incident response times.
- Ensured systems adhered strictly to security protocols, safeguarding sensitive financial information against compliance risks.

Java Developer

June 2016 - December 2020

Rapid Financial Solutions

Houston, TX

Java Developer role involved contributing to high-performance financial transactions under strict deadlines. Focused on developing features that improved system functionality and overall service delivery.

- Created and supported multi-threaded applications to elevate transaction effectiveness, significantly improving customer experience.
- Influenced the architectural framework with innovative designs, catering to future scalability needs beyond present demands.
- Curated methods collaboratively with product stakeholders to ensure final solutions met or surpassed market expectations.
- Streamlined automated testing methodologies, instilling greater reliability within deployment processes and enhancing release quality.
- Adopted Agile practices, assisting teammates throughout project sprints for consistent progress updates and deliverables.
- Leveraged AWS cloud tools for seamless deployments and enhanced resource management in critical business areas.

Junior Java Developer

May 2014 - May 2016

CodeCraft Labs

San Antonio, TX

As a Junior Java Developer, offered key support in crafting applications with solid foundational practices in object-oriented programming. Gained vital exposure to collaboration and real-world coding challenges.

- Supported application enhancements through integration of new functionalities, improving relevance and adaptability of each system.
- Engaged in unit testing and debugging efforts to uphold code integrity, reflecting steadfast dedication to quality standards.
- Collaborated with senior staff, adopting pertinent software development principles that shaped effective project blueprints.
- Actively participated in thorough code evaluations, presenting observations that positively influenced team growth and area-focused effectiveness.
- Valued continuous learning through list of current trends and technologies to remain engaged and well-informed in all endeavors.

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Oracle Certified Professional, Java SE 11 Developer (2022)
- AWS Certified Solutions Architect – Associate (2023)

EDUCATION

Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science

2014

University of Texas at Austin GPA: 3.6

Austin, TX

Coursework: Data Structures, Algorithms, Software Engineering, Database Systems

CERTIFICATIONS

- Oracle Certified Professional, Java SE 11 Developer 📅 2022
- AWS Certified Solutions Architect – Associate 📅 2023

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Frameworks:** Spring, Spring Boot, Hibernate
- **Tools:** IntelliJ IDEA, Git, Maven
- **Databases:** MySQL, PostgreSQL, Oracle
- **Protocols:** TCP/IP, FIX, REST
- **Methodologies:** Agile, Scrum, DevOps
- **Cloud Platforms:** AWS, Google Cloud, Microsoft Azure
- **Version Control:** GitHub, Bitbucket, GitLab
- **Testing Tools:** JUnit, TestNG, Mockito
- **CI/CD Tools:** Jenkins, Travis CI, CircleCI
- **Architecture Styles:** Microservices, SOA, Monolithic

SKILLS

- Java
- Multi-threading
- FIX Protocol
- Performance Optimization
- Spring
- Financial Services
- Agile
- Spring Boot
- AWS
- Object-Oriented Design

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)
- Volunteer, Code.org for educational programs

LANGUAGES

- English (Native)
- Spanish (Proficient)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Work Status : Authorized to work in United States. No sponsorship required.

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST