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Experience

Marcus Povey Consulting (2007 – Present)

Owner / Freelance

- Successful consultancy and ISV company, specialising in Elgg and Known platforms
- Help businesses and individuals build modern, secure, web applications

Notable Projects

KQED Teach – teach.kqed.org

- KQED is one of the largest public media broadcasters in the United States
- KQED Teach is a major media literacy platform / lightweight course management platform
- Built large part of core platform, including integrations with Elastic Search
- Won NAMLE MLM Award in 2017 (previous winners include the PBS NewsHour, The Daily Show With Jon Stewart, Snopes.com, Creative Commons, and the Ella Baker Center/Van Jones)
- PHP, JavaScript, HTML/CSS, Known, Elastic Search, Open Badges, Amazon Cloud (AWS)

Known – withknown.com

- Open Source modern social publishing platform
- Collaborated with a large remote team of developers and open source contributors
- Developed full stack PHP and JavaScript code
- Numerous paid project enhancements including Elastic Search, Amazon Cloud (AWS) support, integrations with Twitter, Facebook, Github and LinkedIn
- PHP, JavaScript, HTML/CSS, MySQL, MongoDB, Postgres, SQLite, Amazon Cloud (AWS), Node JS, React, React Native, Symfony, Indieweb Technologies, REST APIs

Minds LLC – minds.com

- Minds.com is a free speech focussed encrypted Facebook alternative
- Built much of the initial product functionality (which was based on Elgg / Elgg Multisite), including multiple domains, PayPal/Bitcoin payment systems, WordPress integration, and connection with 3rd party APIs
- Worked with a distributed team to convert platform to modern Cloud infrastructure including S3 and Cassandra NoSQL database support
- PHP, JavaScript, HTML/CSS, Elgg, Elgg Multisite, Angular JS, Paypal API, Bitcoin, Cassandra, WordPress, REST API

Sophos Ltd – sophos.com

- Sophos is a world leader in antivirus and security products
- Conducted security audit of a high profile customer facing PHP applications
- Built SAML integration to Sophos' Single Signon system
- PHP, Linux, SAML, HTML/CSS, InfoSec

Executive Networks – executivenetworks.com

- Large professional social network built on Elgg
- Built much of the core functionality including integrations with LinkedIn, SSO and OAuth
- Collaborated with large remote team of developers
- PHP, Elgg, MySQL, JavaScript, HTML/CSS, Git, API integrations

Latakoo (2010 – 2012)

Chief Information Architect

- Designed and built a platform to quickly transfer high quality video from journalists to TV newsrooms over any consumer internet connection, increasing flexibility and speed of reporting, while at the same time reducing costs.
- Designed and built a secure and performant mobile upload protocol that functioned in low bandwidth situations or areas with restricted and limited internet connections
- Built many aspects of the back end systems, including data storage and transfer infrastructure, and core APIs
- Platform used by customers, including NBC News, to send footage back from places like Syria, the Sochi Olympics, the Houston floods and Air Force One
- PHP, JavaScript, Linux, REST APIs, DevOps

Elgg (2008 – 2009)

Senior Developer, Technical Lead

- Designed and built open source white label social networking platform
- Used by the Australian, Dutch and Canadian governments, fortune 500 companies like Hill & Knowlton, organisations like Oxfam, and universities all around the world
- Developed novel data portability formats (which later contributed to the W3C Activity Streams format)
- Developed and maintained relations with some of the web's leading names in silicon valley
- Won InfoWorld award for best social networking platform in 2008
- Was a panel discussion member, and gave presentations at conferences
- PHP, JavaScript, Linux, MySQL, Shibboleth

Torex Retail (2006-2007)

Developer

- Point of Sales (POS) software development for flagship LUCAS products
- Main developer for Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT), Chip & Pin and PCI/DSS compliance
- Java, SolveSE, Linux, Windows

e-San Ltd (2003 – 2005)

Development Manager

- Start-up producing medical patient self-monitoring solutions for Diabetes, Asthma and COPD
- Senior project developer on e-San commercial and medical trial solutions
- Developed mobile Diabetes project client
- Developed unified server solution, and ran all back-office / DevOps
- Supervised small team of full time staff and contractors
- Made national press when doctors credited software for saving a child's life
- PHP, Java, MySQL, Linux, Apache, Java ME / MIDP, DevOps

Oxford Brookes University (2002 – 2003)

Developer / Researcher – Secure Email Project

- Designed and developed encrypted email software in Java for JISC funded project
- Wrote papers and reports related to the project
- Java, Linux, OpenPGP

Psion Teklogix (2001 – 2002)

Support Engineer

- Developed software to demonstrate functionality of a range of Psion hardware
- Provided third line technical support to clients
- C/C++, Psion SDKs

RAL Space Science (1999 – 2000)

Development Engineer – ATSR Project

- Created ATSR project portal to assist project scientists and customers around the world
- Built software tools to assist the project scientists
- Linux, HTML, VMS

Education

Oxford Brookes University (2001)

BSc (Hons) Computing and Software Engineering

Technologies

Elgg, Known, WordPress, Symfony, Laravel, Zend, PHP, Python, Java, JavaScript, Node.js, React, React Native, Express, HTML/CSS, C/C++, AWS (EBS, EC2, RDS, Beanstalk, Route53, IAM), ElasticSearch, MongoDB, CouchDB, Cassandra, MySQL, Redis, Linux, Git, Vagrant.

Additional Information

Organised: *Barcamp Transparency conference, Oxford "Twestival" fundraising event.*

Open Source contributions: *Elgg, Known, WordPress, HTTPSEverywhere, Bouncy Castle JCE, and more...*