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**A SENIOR INFRASTRUCTURE ARCHITECT** with experience in:

**IT Strategy and Vision**  
**Complex Systems Design**  
**Infrastructure Optimization**  
**Storage Architecture**

**Project Management (PMP™)**  
**Global Infrastructure Design**  
**Data Center Migration**  
**IT Capacity Planning**

**IT Governance**  
**Risk Mitigation**  
**Business Continuity**  
**Performance Optimization**

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## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ 32-yrs of complex IT architecture experience, including end-to-end petabyte-scale storage design
  - ◆ Professionally recognized as an industry Subject Matter Expert for SAN/NAS (storage) infrastructure
  - ◆ Lead IT Architect on a project encompassing three new data centers, with a budget of over \$100M.
  - ◆ Regularly report to all levels of Senior IT Management about IT strategy, planning, and design issues.
  - ◆ Major roles on at least (20) Fortune 500/100 projects as an IT Architect for PwC, CSC, IBM, and Unisys
  - ◆ Served as Interim Director of Information Technology for a major telecommunications company
  - ◆ Served as Director of Technical Services and Support for a \$330 Million national distributor of IT systems
  - ◆ 28-years of middle and senior management experience in both small and large corporate environments
  - ◆ Performance driven, but with a strong commitment to business ethics, accountability, and personal integrity
  - ◆ Over 2500 of post-college training in UNIX/Linux, Storage Technologies, Networking, and other technologies
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## PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

**OWNER / INFRASTRUCTURE ARCHITECT**                      **Data Center Enhancements Inc.**                      (08/08 - present)

I'm currently working as an Infrastructure Architect at Data Center Enhancements Inc., providing infrastructure design, cost analysis, and architectural direction for large projects. Major activities include:

- ◆ Provided analysis and design assistance for storage and backup/recovery infrastructure at a major Federal Agency operating over 5.5 Petabytes of active of SAN and NAS-based arrays.
- ◆ Provided IT design specifications for a Fortune 100 client's deployment of virtualized IBM p570 servers
- ◆ Recommended a server virtualization optimization program to recover \$24M in underutilized capacity
- ◆ Developed advanced technical courseware for storage Instructor-led training classes
- ◆ Designed storage infrastructure a large Government Financial institution with over 1.4 PB of online disk.
- ◆ Served as Lead Architect for the specification, design, and implementation of an Enterprise e-Discovery solution responsible for processing over 250TB of user forensic data.
- ◆ Provided IT architecture assessments and design services for data center migration, consolidation, and transformation projects.
- ◆ Frequently communicated with all levels of Senior Management and Executive Leadership about IT systems improvements and opportunities for increased operational efficiency.

**SOLUTIONS ARCHITECT**    **Unisys Corporation**    (12/07 – 08/08)

Sr. Solutions Architect for Unisys Corporation providing infrastructure design, cost analysis, and architectural direction for major projects. Major emphasis and activities included:

- ◆ Employed as a Solutions Architect for the Real Time Infrastructure group at Unisys
- ◆ Provided architectural design assistance for storage infrastructure at major client facilities
- ◆ Developed a complex RFP response for a major client's requirement for backup and recovery system
- ◆ Certified as EMC Technical Services Consultant and attended EMC Invista (virtualization) training

- ◆ Classified as storage Subject Matter Expert and listed in the Unisys Speaker's Directory as a Storage Thought Leader

## **INFRASTRUCTURE ARCHITECT**

**IBM Global Services**

(06/05 – 12/07)

My role at IBM Global Services was Senior Infrastructure Architect for large and sophisticated systems structures. Major emphasis and activities include:

- ◆ Served as Senior Architect / Team Lead for a large systems migration project at a Fortune 500 account.
- ◆ Modeled a highly available SAN structure capable of scaling seamlessly to over 16.7 PB of storage
- ◆ Acted as Portfolio Manager for (4) major infrastructure projects at a Fortune 500 company
- ◆ Saved a client \$3.1M by modifying a proposal to more effectively upgrade a legacy image archive (PACS)
- ◆ Re-designed a 330 TB multi-tiered storage structure based on IBM's DS8300, DS6800, and DS4800 storage, SAN virtualization, TotalStorage Productivity Center (TPC) monitoring tools, and Tivoli Storage Manager (TSM) LAN-based and Server-less backup products
- ◆ Acted as Subject Matter Expert for a large Digital Pathology infrastructure project involving high resolution research microscopes capable of capturing over 350 TB of stored images per year
- ◆ Served as Subject Matter Expert on an HSM/ILM storage proposal for a document management project

## **OWNER / INFRASTRUCTURE ARCHITECT**

**Data Center Enhancements Inc.**

(09/03 – 6/05)

Established a new Illinois "C" corporation focused in two areas; high end infrastructure architecture, and major storage systems and infrastructure design. Primary activities and key achievements include:

- ◆ Served as Infrastructure Architect on the design of a commercial e-commerce systems structure
- ◆ Developed an optimal SAN/NAS storage infrastructure to support data warehouse, financials, parallel databases, clustered servers, and WEB-based commercial applications
- ◆ Collected and analyzed storage requirements, applications requirements, and growth patterns and presented a 3-year multi-tiered corporate storage strategy
- ◆ Restructured a Fibre Channel fabric to resolve storage network problems and improve SAN stability
- ◆ Provided performance analysis of channel structures, I/O processors, cache utilization, cache-to-disk transfers, and read-write ratios
- ◆ Designed and managed an e-Commerce structure using 2U servers with Windows Server 2003, Linux, SQL Server 2000, Exchange 2003 Server, NetScreen firewalls, 10/100 switches, and load balancing unit

## **ARCHITECTURAL EXPERT**

**CSC Consulting Inc.**

(9/00 – 10/03)

A Senior Technical Consultant for Computer Sciences Corporation providing infrastructure design, cost analysis, and architectural direction for a number of large projects, including:

- ◆ Technical Lead for the analysis of (7) Army data centers, with specific recommendations to improve SAP infrastructure operational efficiencies and decrease overhead by over a \$1M per year, per facility
- ◆ Lead Architect for a major data center design project to support distribution of fiber optic based broadband services throughout India. Also planned the internal IT structure for business offices and retail outlets.
- ◆ Developed a Microsoft Windows thin-client model with the potential to yield savings of over 32% per year
- ◆ Senior Designer for an International Call Center operational analysis and preliminary design that would facilitate consolidated, cost-effective support of banking customers across (15) Caribbean nations
- ◆ Program Manager for (3) projects encompassing the upgrade of a data center, the establishment of an Internet WEB program, and the integration of a new acquisition for a major hotel and resort chain

## **ESM PRACTICE LEADER**

**PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP**

(4/98 to 9/00)

Technical Lead for a team of 26 specialists trained to implement Enterprise Systems Management suites offered by the ESM "big four"; HP OpenView, CA Unicenter, IBM Tivoli, and BMC Patrol, plus several specialty packages

- ◆ Responsible for a P&L statement with an annual budget in excess of \$4.5M dollars
- ◆ Interviewed, hired, and developed a staff of diverse, technically specialized Senior Consultants



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## COMPUTER SKILLS:

- ◆ **HARDWARE:** Extensive background in many types of UNIX and Linux servers, workstations, Windows servers, virtualized storage subsystems, SAN/NAS implementations, tape libraries, and optical storage.
- ◆ **AUTOMATED SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT:** HP OpenView Operations Manager, the IBM Tivoli Products suite, CA Unicenter TNG, BMC Patrol, NCR LanManager 2.0, and other network-based applications.
- ◆ **APPLICATIONS:** Experience with a range High Availability software, including HP's MC/ServiceGuard, NCR's LifeKeeper, Sequent's ptx/Clusters, Veritas NetBackup and VCS, and other systems oriented tools.

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## EDUCATION:

- ◆ BS in International Business (Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL)
- ◆ Advanced Electronics 51-week course (U.S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, IL)
- ◆ Over 300 hours of formal training in Project Management and Professional Service Methodologies.
- ◆ Over 2400 hours of training on UNIX, Windows, LAN/WANs, applications, and systems management.

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## CERTIFICATIONS:

- ◆ PMI PMP Certification
- ◆ TOGAF v9.1 Level 1 & 2 (in process)
- ◆ ITIL v3 Foundation
- ◆ SNIA Storage Foundations
- ◆ CA Unicenter TNG CUE
- ◆ HP-UX 9.0
- ◆ HP Optical Storage Systems
- ◆ Motorola UNIX V RISC systems

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## PERSONAL INTERESTS:

- ◆ An avid flying enthusiast with Commercial License and Instrument Rating for single / multi-engine aircraft.
- ◆ Owner of a twin engine Cessna T310R and fly both for personal enjoyment, and charitable missions.

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## Additional Information:

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