

# MIKE SKAIFE

MEng (Hons) Software Engineering 1<sup>st</sup>, MBCS

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## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

A talented Senior Technical Consultant educated to Masters level (MEng Software Engineering 1<sup>st</sup>) with around seven years professional experience across Central Government, Healthcare, Energy and Defence industries.

I have worked as Technical Architect and Lead Developer on a number of innovative, leading edge solutions. With a broad technical skill-set, I am proficient in a wide range of technologies, software products and platforms. I combine this with my strong problem solving and analytical capabilities to help shape, design and implement solutions that are robust, secure, highly usable and industry leading.

I have extensive experience of working in an Agile and collaborative environment with both internal teams and client stakeholders, to ensure that challenging timescales are met.

- Technical Architect/Tech Lead/Lead Developer on a number of high profile industry leading projects
  - Studying for Professional Scrum Developer (PSD) and Professional Scrum Master (PSM) certifications
  - Extensive industry experience of using Agile practices such as Scrum, BDD and TDD
  - Technical coaching and mentoring of junior staff such as graduates and university placement students
  - Proven track record of self-starting and self-learning new open source and proprietary technologies
  - Professional Member of British Computer Society (MBCS)
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## WORK EXPERIENCE

- Apr 2013 – Present: **Informed Solutions – Senior Technical Consultant – Altrincham/London/Sydney**  
Central Government/Healthcare/Energy
- Technical Architect and Tech Lead on numerous industry leading systems
  - Agile experience including Scrum, BDD and TDD
  - Extensive collaborative working with external clients both on-site and remotely
  - Working with a wide variety of open source and proprietary technologies (Node.js, Docker, Jenkins, C# MVC, MSSQL, PHP, Drupal, Postgres, AWS)
  - Technical coaching and mentoring of junior staff members
  - Six months in Australia delivering innovative portal for NSW government
  - Delivery in line with Government Digital Services (GDS) design principles
  - Part of the companies 'Digital Leadership Team'
  - Recruitment and performance appraisals for permanent staff and contractors
  - Management of university alliances for recruitment of graduates/placements
- Sep 2011 – Mar 2013: **Critical Software Technologies – Senior Engineer – Yeovil/London/Eindhoven**  
Urban Operating System (Smart Cities) – Living PlanIT SA
- C#, MSSQL, RESTful Web Services
- Sep 2009 – August 2011: **BAE Systems – Software Engineer - Yeovil**  
MCSP Project (Merlin Tactical Mission Computer) - Defence
- Won award for role in launch of companywide innovation portal
- June 2008 – Sep 2008: **Atlas Business Plc – Web Developer - Crewe**  
Accounting & Business Software (Summer Work)
- July 2006 - Aug 2007: **LogicaCMG - Industrial Placement - London**  
Java Developer – Skynet Project

## EDUCATION

- 2004 – 2009: **MEng (Hons) 1st in Software Engineering**  
**University of Wales, Aberystwyth**  
Graduated July 2009  
- Final year project – C#, GPS, Bluetooth, SQL Server on mobile device
- 2001 – 2003: **Malbank Sixth Form College**  
A-Level: Information Technology (B), Geography (B), Mathematics with Statistics (C)
- 1996 – 2001: **Shavington High School**  
GCSEs: 11 subjects, grades A-B including English, Maths and Information Technology
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## SKILLS PROFILE

### Key Technologies:

- **Application Design & Development** – Node.js, C#, ASP.NET MVC, JavaScript, jQuery, Bootstrap, HTML, CSS, XML/XSLT, Drupal, PHP, RabbitMQ
- **Database Technologies** – Microsoft SQL Server (2008/2012), SSRS, SSIS, PostgreSQL, MySQL, Oracle
- **CI/CD** – Jenkins, Docker, Ansible
- **Key Software Tools** – Microsoft Visual Studio (2008/2010/2012), PHPStorm, GitHub
- **Version Control** – Team Foundation Server, Git, SVN, Visual SourceSafe
- **Web Server Technologies** – IIS, Apache, Nginx
- **Operating Platforms** – MS Windows including Windows Server, Unix/Ubuntu, Amazon Web Services

### Key Skills:

- **Software Development** - Understanding and experience of full Software Development Lifecycle
- **Project Methodologies** - Experience of Scrum (Developer/Master) roles, BDD and waterfall
- **Digital Leadership** - Tech Lead/Lead Developer on key projects, technical coaching of junior staff
- **General IT** - Proficient user of MS Office, World Wide Web & E-mail

### General:

- Full Clean UK Driving Licence with Pass Plus
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## INTERESTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

### Academic:

- Received award for achieving good A-Level results in face of adversity

### Sport:

- Completed London Marathon and other events raising money for charity
  - President of University Motorsports Club
  - Captain of team in British University Karting Championship
  - Keen triathlete, open water swimmer and cyclist
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## REFERENCES

Available on request