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A technical specialist with more than 10 years of working experience, mainly in web-based technologies and data visualization. Never be afraid to try new things and have worked in various environments, from large to small companies, a start-up company and the current biggest freelancing platform.

EXPERIENCE

AUGUST 2014 – PRESENT

TECHNICAL CONSULTANT, UPWORK

Upwork (formerly Elance-oDesk) is the current largest freelancing platform with 14 million users in 180 countries and \$1B (a billion of USD) annual billings (as reported in March 2017).

Getting started as an independent contractor, I have learned how to work remotely on the online platform and collaboration tools. After 3 years, I already have 5000 logged hours and more than 100 successful contracts. Most of the time, I take responsibility for clarifying requirements (with technical and non-technical clients), defining technical approach, and performing development and testing work.

My notable projects in 2017:

- An asset management dashboard that helps to create an optimal balance between profitability, safety and service quality by using new technologies and Big Data analytics. I worked as a freelance technical expert for an enterprise client (Fortune 100 Best) and we have built the dashboard for managing the national power networks of an EU country.
- A web portal that provides interactive visualizations and tools for analyzing Liberia Elections data (hosted at <http://liberiaelections.org/>).

JUNE 2011 – JULY 2014

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR, STYLINK.VN

After years working for outsourcing companies, I started a start-up project as a co-founder. Our product is a social-commerce platform for fashion industry, inspired by H&M virtual dressing room and Polyvore network. We have managed to release the product and keep it live in 2 years with the development team of 10-15 developers and testers. More information at <http://thesharpcoder.com/blog/stylink--an-inside-look-of-a-startup-social-commerce-project>.

Beside the main product, we also do outsourcing and a major project is the official website of HOSE (Ho Chi Minh City Stock Exchange). The scope of work includes the public portal, content management, live price board, financial reports, analysis tools and lots of back-end applications. The website has been official released in 2014 and is being hosted at <https://www.hsx.vn/>.

APRIL 2010 – MARCH 2011

SENIOR WEB DEVELOPER, NETPOWER VIETNAM

NetPower (<http://www.netpower.no/>) is a privately held global software company with offices in Vietnam and Norway. At the time I joined, the company had less than 20 employees and using SCRUM management process.

Main product of the company is a multi-purpose platform, called the Dashboard (<http://www.dashboard.no/>) that serves various management and commercial requirements from companies. In a year, I mainly work on CMS (content management), CRM (customer relationship management) modules and have successfully deployed the product for 5 Norwegian clients.

AUGUST 2007 – MARCH 2010

SOFTWARE/WEB DEVELOPER, ELCA VIETNAM

With more than 700 employees, ELCA is one of the biggest independent Swiss IT solutions providers, and a leader in the fields of IT business consulting, software development and maintenance, as well as IT systems integration.

Joined the company as a fresher developer, I get familiar with professional working environment and CMMI management process. During first year, I become the key developer of involved projects and supervise 3 newcomers to pass their probation periods.

In 2 years and a half, I have taken part in successful release of various projects, including:

- A population & tax management system for national-scale usage, built on Microsoft Biztalk Server;
- A customer relationship management platform for an international financing organization, built on Microsoft Dynamics CRM software;
- A resource scheduling application for national military service management purposes;
- An inventory management platform for one of biggest multinational manufacturing companies with products sold in over 180 countries;
- A hospital management software for a group of more than 10 large hospitals in EU.

EDUCATION

2003 – 2007

BACHELOR OF COMPUTER SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF NATURAL SCIENCES

Studied in honor program of the university, which is focusing on both programming and researching skills in IT technologies, computer sciences as well as mathematics. Graduated in top 5% (average mark: 8.26/10).

Attended internship program at FPT Software (largest IT outsourcing company in Vietnam), SELAB (Software Engineering Laboratory of my university) and released an open source project (<https://sourceforge.net/projects/v-waveviewer/>).

ACTIVITIES

I like helping other people improve their skills and have taken 1 year as a part-time technical trainer in APTECH, an Indian-headquartered education and training company.

I also love outdoor activities and sports, especially picnic, football and badminton.