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SUMMARY

Kenneth Lang (Ken) has been providing Information Technology (IT) solutions on complex issues such as networks, systems and applications to local, national and international businesses ever since 1982.

- He is a strong team lead that has been involved in large infrastructure projects in various capacities from architecture and design, through to complete implementation and rollouts.
- Infrastructure technologies have included LAN/WAN, Unix, OpenVMS, Microsoft Windows, Macintosh and Large Data Storage solutions.
- His experience and strength lies in his ability to understand large system fundamentals and how it relates to business.
- He believes in mentoring his fellow employees/consultants and is an excellent team player.

SKILLS SUMMARY

Hardware: DEC VAX ,Data General ,Hewlett Packard, Macintosh PC's,RS6000,
DEC Alpha.Verifone Handhelds

Software: PowerHouse , Oracle, Image DB (HP),VAX/VMS ,DBAM (DG),Seed DB (VAX),
AOS/VS ,MPE,DCL, Basic ,COBOL ,RMS, Infos, C/C++,UNIX, WindowsNT/Windows95/
Windows Workstation, Arm Compiler Asterisk VOIP

Networking: Gandalf (PACX),DECNET, Ethernet, TCP/IP,Appletalk, FDDI, X.25
Datapac

EDUCATION

Formal: Business Administration EDP Specialty /Sault College of Applied Arts & Technology.
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.
Selected Business Management Courses /Sault College of Applied Art & Technology
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

Industry: SOA Consultant
SOA Architect
MPE Utilities and Commands
VAX/VMS System Manager, Digital
VAX/VMS Utilities and Commands, Digital
RMS Internals, Digital
AOS/VS System Manager, Data General
AOS/VS CEO System Manager, Data General
Software Consultant, Cognos
Instructors Techniques Workshop, Cognos; Friesen Kaye and Associates
Systems Development Cycle, Sydney Development Corp.
Microsoft Certified System Engineer

CLEARANCES: SECRET (Canada & U.S.)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

IT SYSTEMS CONSULTANT, GENYC Systems Inc., Surrey, BC

1988 - Present

BCLC, Kamloops BC - Technical Architect December 2010 - October 2011

British Columbia Lottery Corporation selected the Bally Technologies Game Management Software (GMS) for the replacement of their existing Gaming Management System in all their Casinos. Working as a technical architect with the Senior Leaders, we designed the strategic and technical architecture vision and road map for the new GMS.

- The design was to develop an end-to-end solution that will deliver a reliable, scalable and centralized GMS solution. Working closely with Senior Leaders on ensuring the technical infrastructure supports BCLC's strategic and technical infrastructure direction.
- Define and drive best practices and standards for uptime, performance and DRP, continuously improve and provide long term platform/infrastructure/backend solutions.
- Contributed to the development of business cases, estimates and technical architecture for the GMS. Worked closely with the technical leaders to assess the team's technical skills gaps. Research and introduce new technologies while leveraging legacy platforms. Produced and presented regular status reports for Senior Leaders on infrastructure related projects.

TELUS Mobility, Burnaby BC

Mar 2002 - 2009

The Autotel Division of Telus Mobility needed to upgrade and modernize their Call Collection System.

- Requirement was to replace the current PDP-11 Call Collection System. This system gathers data from their 29 cell sites through out the province of British Columbia.
- This was all written in 'C' and X.25.

British Columbia Lottery Corporation, Kamloops BC

Sep 2006 – Feb 2008

British Columbia Lottery Corporation has a very large IT infrastructure. The infrastructure covers all areas of the province to monitor administer Casinos, Bingo Halls, Lottery Tickets and all aspects of gambling in the province.

- Reviewing the infrastructure with their staff, put together a plan for upgrading their servers through patch management to consolidating on a Virtual Environment.
- Other - DRP for RDB
 - Upgrade plan for OpenVMS
 - Upgrade plan for Powerhouse

TimberWest Forest Corp, Vancouver BC

May 2000 – Dec 2008

TimberWest Forest Corp. primary business is logging and forest products.

- During these dates the role was to maintain their OpenVMS environment.
- This included building a backup server for disaster recovery, maintaining their DCL, Backups and system hardware repairs.
- Periodically there was Powerhouse programming which fixes.

Canfor Forest Products Ltd, MacKenzie BC

May 2004 – Nov 2008

Canfor Forest Products Ltd. is a lumber mill in MacKenzie BC.

- During this period the role was to support their OpenVMS system and their Payroll system written in Powerhouse.

- Recently migrated their OpenVMS system to a Virtual appliance, thus reducing the need for HP parts.

Surrey School Board (SD36), Surrey BC

Jul 2004 – Sep 2004

- Worked with SD36 to set up their main OpenVMS Alpha servers to start centralizing their student record system.
- The process to centralize required converting their environment to TCP/IP including all their printers.
- Special forms for their printers were required to be written and setting up common shares for the windows to share data with the main Alpha servers.

Pacifica Papers Inc, Vancouver BC

Oct 1998 – May 2000

With the trend of downsizing in the forest industry, MacMillan Bloedel Ltd. sold two of their paper mills to a group of investors, calling the newly formed company Pacifica Papers Inc.

- Contracted as Transition Manager to coordinate the move of the corporate offices and separate the computer assets and network from MacMillan Bloedel Ltd.
This new company consisted of a head office in Vancouver BC, sales office in Lynnwood WA., paper mill in Port Alberni BC, and a paper mill in Powell River BC.
- The first phase involved moving the head office from the MacMillan Bloedel Ltd. Research building to their new offices in Vancouver, with a staff of 120 persons. The new location did not have any infrastructure to support the head office.
This involved:
 - establishing a new computer room
 - installing a new LAN
 - installing a new PBX
 - installing a WAN connection
 - designing new offices and furniture
 - setting up enough power
 - coordinating movers
 - coordinating down time for users
 - coordinating the final move
- Once this move was complete, the second phase involved separating the WAN from MacMillan Bloedel Ltd. To make this processes complete, put together a plan to not only separate the network but also stream line the WAN, consolidate the data centers and consolidate and downsize the servers.
This involved:
 - coordinating the IT staff from both companies
 - establishing a new WAN
 - establish network separation timing
 - moving computers into the new data centers
 - upgrading the LAN to 100mb switch network
 - consolidating the NT Servers
 - upgrading to NT Workstation on the desktop
 - upgrading to Microsoft Exchange and Office97
 - changing the TCP/IP addresses
 - installing Internet access
 - upgrading the phone switches in both paper mills
 - establishing Y2K compliance
 - setting up a help desk
 - moving HP3000 servers from MacMillan Bloedel Ltd. to Pacifica's new data center
- After the network was separated and Pacifica became it's own environment, on going projects included:
 - re-negotiate software licenses and support contracts.
 - completing the Y2K upgrade
 - assist in hiring support staff for the company

H.Y. Louie, Burnaby BC**Apr 1997 – Aug 2002**

H.Y. Louie is the sole distributor and suppliers of groceries for all the IGA stores in British Columbia.

- Working with their IT department, projects included refining the distribution system linking the NT Servers to the Dec Alpha.
- Upgrading their LAN to support current work loads and increase intranet technologies and help keep the operating systems current.

Contac Travel Marketing, Delta BC**Oct 1997 – May 1998**

Contac Travel Marketing is an order fulfillment house supplying most of the travel agents in western Canada with current travel brochures.

- This was a MicroVax shop which was designed and migrated to NT Server and NT Workstation environment.
- Phasing out the MicroVax, helped reduce their costs and dependency on customized software.
- Setting up a new Fax Server on NT, helped them deliver 10,000 faxes a day and 36,000 faxes over the weekend.

BC Tel Mobility Cellular, Burnaby BC**Apr 1991 – Dec 1996**

BC Tel Mobility is currently experiencing 40% growth rate, allowing them to purchase the source code for their billing system.

- Contracted to audit the source code to ensure the proper versions was purchased. After the purchase, contract extended into several other areas and projects.
 - Rewrite modules of the billing system
 - Tune the billing system batch programs
 - Set up a proper development and QA environment
 - Acting system manager, implemented clustering to their Vaxes
 - Upgrade to the current levels of operating system
 - Convert from VAX/VMS to Alpha VMS
 - Convert from CI to FDDI

BC Attorney General, Victoria BC

The project was to design and build a prototype to integrate all branches of the justice system from the police, crown counsel, courts and corrections to share data. The project was called ICPS (Integrated Case Processing System). It was intended to electronically track police cases from arrest to court processing.

- As a management consultant role in the project was as follows:
 - Design a replicated database
 - Design network
 - Hardware Software must be vendor independent

Mohawk Oil Co. Ltd., Burnaby BC

The contract at Mohawk was a Management Consultant role to help the staff in the IS department. Mohawk began a project called Mohawk 2000, designed to upgrade their systems and network to include new technology such as POS Terminal, Credit Card Switch System.

- As a management consultant role in the project was as follows:
 - Design and setup application and system security
 - Set application standards
 - Technical advisor
 - Plan, direct and supervise project manager
 - Train and assist programmers
 - Cluster VAX network
 - Tune and setup Alisa Share
 - Design network to reduce single point of failure

- Performance tuning (network, hardware, software)

Department of National Defense

With the growing interest in the Canadian Defense Dept. to automate command and control, installed the AC2SMAN system (see Elmendorf AFB below for more detail) into CFB North Bay and CFB Winnipeg.

- This project involved:
 - Design the network
 - Establish network standards
 - Set up application and network security
 - Install the application
 - Train users
 - Network bases together

Elmendorf AFB., Anchorage Alaska

In September 1988, Elmendorf AFB started a project called AC2SMAN (Alaskan Command and Control System Military Automated Network).

- This project was to automate the Alaskan Air Command for Command and Control. Contracted to advise and assist in security and standards for the application.
- Role became Software Director for the project and duties included:
 - Database design, logical and physical
 - Refinement of requirements
 - Data modelling
 - Preparation of RFPs for software/hardware/networks
 - Evaluation of RFP responses
 - Design security (data, networks, application)
 - Set application standards
 - Design a distributed and replicated data base
 - Technical Advisor

After the project was complete, the network included 60+ VAX's and Mac II's, 400 PC's and some 600 screens networked and replicated across the State of Alaska.

Hahn AB., Hahn, West Germany

With the growing interest in the U.S. Defense Dept. to incorporate Command and Control Systems, had to opportunity to install and demonstrate the AC2SMAN systems capabilities on Hahn Air Base, in West Germany.

- The installation incorporated two out of three Squadrons as well as tailoring the software to function in a NATO environment.
- On the logistics side, this install involved complete integration from networks to software, demonstrating application survivability.

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill, Alaska

As the AC2SMAN project was coming to a completion, the Exxon Valdez ran aground.

- While the military was being deployed to assist in the clean-up of the spill, the involvement was to build Command and Control systems to track personnel and equipment.
- The application we built was called OSCAR (Oil Spill Computer Automated Response). The system was a network between Elmendorf AFB. and Valdez, used to track oil, birds, weather, personnel, water vessels.
- Built using PowerHouse on Digital VAX's and Apple Macintosh's, the information collected was displayed both tabular and graphical.
- Once again, as Software Director, this role continued as it was for the application on Elmendorf AFB.

Fletcher Challenge Ltd., Vancouver, BC

The contract at Fletcher Challenge included areas such as security, system standards, system tuning.

- This was a four month contract dedicated to help set the environment for development.

As Employee, worked for the following companies:

Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC

May 1986 - Jun 1988

Simon Fraser University began a project to rewrite all their administration systems.

- As a Senior Analyst the role in the project was as follows:
 - Requirements Analysis
 - Design and review design documents
 - Design and setup security (application, system, data)
 - Set application standards
 - Direct and supervise redevelopment in Power House
 - Technical Advisor
 - Plan, direct and supervise project manager
 - Assist in hardware and software configuration
 - Interview and hire new employees
 - Train and assist programmers
- The project was to rewrite all the administration systems for Simon Fraser University, converting from an IBM main frame to a Digital Vax cluster.
- The applications ranged from student records to the university financial systems.

Cognos Incorporated, Vancouver, BC

Nov 1984 - Jun 1986

With the Company changing its business direction towards software sales and software support, took the opportunity to change from hardware and get involved in software.

- As a Software Specialist, duties included:
 - Pre and Post PowerHouse Sales follow-up
 - Demonstrations and presentations
 - Responding to RFPs
 - Training PowerHouse
- Other Areas Included:
 - Implementing operations procedures for clients
 - Facilities management
 - Software maintenance, development and support
 - Project management
 - Account management
 - Systems analysis: hardware, software
- The most rewarding part of being a Software Specialist during this period, was actually being part of a team to open and establish this Vancouver office.

Cognos Incorporated, Ottawa, ON

Jun 1983 - Nov 1984

- As a System Manager of a Data General, Hewlett Packard, and Digital Vax, Responsibilities ranged in many areas of the Departments.
- After initiating the day to day procedures for the Computer Operations Department, responsibilities turned towards maintaining the hardware.
- Responsibilities included:
 - Capacity planning
 - Hardware/software planning and configuration
 - Developed operations software
 - Implemented system security
 - Maintained system account structures
 - Installing new software updates and utility packages
 - Monitoring and tune hardware systems
 - Review operations software packages

- During this period of time, Cognos experienced growth in many areas of the company. As a result of this, time turned towards assisting in the design and expansion of the computer room and upgrading or our computer hardware.