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Personal Information

Date of Birth: 29 August 1980
Nationality: Bangladeshi
Marital Status: Married with 1 child.

My Professional Vision: I am a reliable and self-motivated achiever with a professional attitude. I believe that the ability to understand and deal effectively with a client's ICT needs requires as much skill in human communication as it does technical proficiency. I strive to "bridge the gap" between technical know-how and the practical, goal oriented needs of managers and end-users in the working environment, thereby providing simple but effective solutions to fulfill complex requirements. With well-developed technical skills I can work alone or in a team. I have leadership experience and can build effective and friendly relations with colleagues, clients and partners. As one of the early leaders of the Bangladeshi ICT sector I have been involved in various groundbreaking initiatives. Now I want to continue playing my part in the hi-tech technological progress which the 'tiger-cub' economy of Bangladesh is undergoing as it becomes a world-class player in the ICT field.

IT Experience: With over 13 years as a successful IT professional I am experienced in designing, planning, procuring, and implementing many varieties of local or web/cloud based IT solutions as both a manager and lead developer. Furthermore I am skilled at marketing and promoting technology and technical products and services both online in social networks and at face-to-face events.

Employment and Career Achievement

Microsoft Bangladesh Ltd. – Dec 2009 to June 2012

Developer Evangelist

- Engage and build relationship with developers including participating in online and offline communities, engaging with influential and third party communities.
- Deliver articulate, effective, and audience-appropriate presentations/demonstrations with developer oriented content to both small and large audiences.
- Extend reach in the developer community by partnering with Audience Marketing.
- Earn the hearts of Developers across Bangladesh with a focus on their satisfaction supporting their development to build positive perception of Microsoft with what is possible with the platform and Microsoft products.
- Drive online content on <http://msdn.net.bd>, online connection, blogging, podcasting and delivering sample code projects.
- Drive events like Microsoft Imagine Cup & Microsoft TechFire.
- Connect and grow networks of individual developers to increase the broad connection between Microsoft, active communities, our partners and customers for the majority of developers.
- Support the content delivery for all aspects of .NET technology, including web technologies and cross technology issues such as Architecture, Application development lifecycle and security.
- Maintain knowledge of multiple versions of the same product and speak to future releases.

Maxwell Stamp Ltd. – Jul 2008 to January 2010 (Part Time/Freelance)

Web/IT Expert

- On their behalf I provided IT consultancy service to Bangladesh Board of Investment, funded by IFC.

GDP Global Development Limited, UK – August 2008 to January 2010 (Part Time/Freelance)

IT Consultant

- Assist website development for them and their associate concerns.

Infratel Ltd. – October 2008 to September 2009

IT Manager

- Maintain Infratel and Siddiqui Telemarketing partner call center servers in South East Asia region.
- Research on Infratel IP PBX & Call Center solutions to enhance functionalities.
- Maintain Call Center Server functionalities.
- Maintain inbound/outbound call center network.
- Maintain Internal Network
- Maintain external network for remote call center agents.

UNDP, Bangladesh – June 2008 to November 2008

IT Consultant (project hire)

- Lead Unicode based Bangla font development at Election Commission, Bangladesh. Assisted by A2I project, UNDP.

Cowater International Inc. Canada – October 2007 to June 2009 (Part Time/Freelance)

IT Consultant

- Manage all in-house IT activities (internal network & SAMBA server) of PLAGE II project, funded by CIDA.
- Assist Web Development for Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, Government of Bangladesh.

Fractal Web, UK – October 2007 to September 2008

Project Manager

- Design and maintaining client's websites.
- Manage project development milestone.
- Manage and distributing the development tasks among developers.
- Evaluate development process through Subversion.

Allomatch, France – November 2007 to February 2008

CRM, Content Administrator and Assistant Project manager

- Manage their CRM software (SugarCRM) development and customization project.
- Manage and integrate Joomla based module development for their website allomatch.com.
- Manage project development milestone.
- Evaluate development process through Subversion.

Bangladesh Television – February 2006 to September 2008

ICT Program Author

- Author an ICT related magazine program "Computer Protidin"

Systech Digital Limited – June 2006 to November 2007

Project Leader - Bangla Localization

- Manage and administrate Bangla Software Development project by Intel.
- Implement E-Governance through Bangla Language (Project by UNDP and Prime Minister's Office, Bangladesh).
- Design and maintain Bangla (Unicode) web portals.

Daily Ittefaq – February 2006 to September 2007

Contributor ICT Journalist

- Write Articles on ICT related issues and reviews on useful software.
- Spread ICT4D motto and introduce Open Source software to mass people.

Weekly Ekattor – April 2005 to July 2006

Editor & Designer – Web

- Design & Maintain Weekly Ekattor's web portal <http://ekattor.com> using Drupal CMS.

ICT Journalist

- Write Articles on ICT related issues and reviews.

Dinajpur Networking Journey – January 2005 to June 2006

Consultant IT Advisor

- Design complete Broad Band ISP.
- Troubleshoot VSAT, Firewall and other network problems.
- Maintain the web site <http://dnj.bd.net> using Drupal CMS.

Dinajpur InfoTech Limited – June 2002 to January 2004

Project Administrator

- Project Manager for Software Development.
- Training organization for Medical Transcription.
- Content management for the site <http://infotech.dinajpur.biz> using Mambo CMS.
- Design complete ISP and network.

DinajpurOnline – August 2000 to June 2006

System Administrator

- Design complete ISP.
- Use to troubleshoot users' computer problem and recommend hardware/equipment purchase.
- Maintain the web site <http://www.dinajpuronline.net>

Educational and Other Qualifications and Experiences

Master of Business Administration – 2008

CGPA 3.11 (major in Management) from BRAC University of Bangladesh

Bachelor of Social Science – 2002

Second Class from National University of Bangladesh

Two years' Higher Diploma on Computer Science – 2000

CGPA 3.2 from BRAC Information Technology Institute, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Higher Secondary School Certificate – 1998

First Division from KBM College, Dinajpur, under Rajshahi Board

Secondary School Certificate – 1994

First Division from Dinajpur Zilla School, Dinajpur, under Rajshahi Board

Summary of Qualifications

- Oracle Certified Professional
- Oracle Certified Web Administrator (WebMin)
- Microsoft Certified Professional
- Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator (MCSA), Windows 2000
- Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator (MCSA), Security on Microsoft Windows 2000
- Microsoft Certified Desktop Support Technician (MCDST) on Windows XP

Other Experiences

- Eight years' experience of Web site building using popular CMS like Drupal, Joomla, Jaws.
- Over Eight years of Windows NT4/2000/2003/2008 networking experience. Network technologies include TCP/IP, DNS Server, Microsoft Internet Information Server (IIS), Apache Web Server, Ensim, MailMax, MailEnable, MailGate, cPanel, WebMin.
- Six years experiences of running an Internet Networking company.
- Over Six years' experience with TTF/OTF development.
- Seven years' experience of Audio/Video (Non-Linear) editing.
- Three months experience with Online (Non-Linear) video editing.
- Two years' experience on Primary Level Computer Education Program for The Tribe in Novara Technical School, Dinajpur.
- Nine months experience on Adult Primary Computer Education Program by Community Development Project, Dinajpur.

Trainings Received

Windows or Linux based Networking and administration. Oracle Web Administration. Internet connectivity & mass distribution. Digital Video Editing. Graphic Design. Digital Audio Editing. Microsoft Visual True Type. VSAT Calibration and Installation.

Technical Skills and Experiences

Experience in Operating Systems

Windows 8, Windows 7, Windows Vista, Windows Server 2008 (Without Hyper-V), Windows Home Server, Windows Server 2003 (standard edition), Windows XP, Windows 2000 (all editions), Windows 95/98/ME, Windows NT 4, Windows 3.1/3.11, MSDOS 4/5/6, Most of the common distributions of Linux and MAC OS X

Hardware I'm familiar with

Apple, ATI, AMD, A-Data, Motorola, Compaq, Cisco, Dell, NEC, IBM, HP, Adaptec, 3Com, Intel, ASUS, Maxtor, Sony, HP, Dazzle, Pinnacle, 3D Labs, Microsoft, Samsung, Linksys, Philips, ATARI, Creative Labs, Nvidia, Hitachi, Samsung, Linksys, D-Link, Netgear, Samsung, Crossair, Acer, LG, S3, Sandisk, OCZ, Zotac, TP-Link, ZTE, Belkin, D-Link etc.

Experience in Software

- Adobe Dreamwaver, DHTML Menu Builder, Mozilla/Netscape Editor, Microsoft SharePoint Designer, Microsoft Office.
- Oracle 9i Application Server, PL/SQL, Developer 6i, Designer 6i, Oracle WebDB, JDeveloper.
- Macromedia Fontographer, FontLab, Microsoft VOLT, Microsoft WEFT, MSKLC, Microsoft Visual True Type, FontForge.
- Adobe PhotoShop, GIMP, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe FireWorks, Ulead GIF Animator. AVID Video Editing, Adobe Premier, Ulead Media Studio, Boris RED, HollywoodFX, Sound Forge, Acid.
- I used and still using lots of software for my Bangla computing and localization projects on all platforms.

Contributory Involvement

Gopsop – February 2008 to January 2009

Head of Ideas

- Create Social Networking ideas and share them with developers.
- Pick up ideas from popular SNS portals and share them with developers.
- Beta Test of new features

Mukto.Org – June 2006 to December 2008

Editor Chief

- Designed complete Open Source based Bangla E-Magazine.
- Designed the website <http://mukto.org>, using the popular CMS Joomla
- Content Management of <http://mukto.org>
- Writing articles on FOSS for Mukto.Org

Microsoft Corporation, USA – October 2002, continuing

BETA Testing

- Bengali OpenType font Glyphs processing (to look good in 8pt. size).
- Bengali OpenType Font and Lookup table input processing.
- Windows Vista Beta
- Windows 7 Beta
- Microsoft PopFly
- Microsoft Keyboard Layout Creator (MSKLC).
- Uniscribe Engine of Microsoft products for Bengali OpenType fonts and various other Microsoft Products

Ankur (<http://ankur.org.bd>), and **Ekushey** (<http://ekushey.org>) – January 2001 to October 2009

Professional Translator

- Working with many Linux Bangla Localization projects.
- Working with many popular Open Source software Bangla Localization projects.

Altruists International (<http://altruists.org>) – January 2001 to July 2008

Software Architect, Ambassador for Altruism

- Designing software architecture according to users' needs.
- Output Analyst
- Font developer & Graphic Designer for Altruists International's Projects

Ekushey (<http://ekushey.org>) – January 2001 to June 2008

Bangla Computing

- Assist to designed Unicode based fonts for Windows, Linux & Mac OS X
- Assist to delivering Unicode based Bangla computing solutions for Linux, Microsoft Windows and Apple MAC OS X users.
- Designed the Website <http://ekushey.org> using JAWS CMS

Social and Forum Activities

I'm member of many online communities and also have offline activities too. My activities are specially related to language development on computers (localization) and Open Source based forums. I play a vital role on behalf of my country for Bangla Localization and Bangla computing related forums, especially Unicode and Linux forums.

It's not easy to put all activity names and their description on this limited space, but I want to mention some of them here:

MVP Community, Microsoft Corporation

Microsoft Most Valuable Professional – Windows Desktop Experience

Microsoft keeps their eye on people who are involved in various ICT activities to the community and they pick few of the leaders and honor them with MVP award. They can never pay back for our contribution to the community, but this award is to show the humble respect to the community leaders. I have been awarded “Windows – Shell/User” category in 2006 and till now they have renewed the award every year for my restless contribution to the community. In 2007 Microsoft renamed Windows – Shell/User category into Windows Desktop Experience. Right now Microsoft South Asia region (Bangladesh, India, and Nepal) has approximately 200 MVPs.

Unicode Consortium

Member – Indic Computing & Indic Common Locale Data Repository

To simplify global language computing, Unicode Consortium aims to centralize all the language of the world in a single platform. Unicode provides a unique number for every character of each language script, no matter what the platform, no matter what the program. The Unicode Standard has been adopted by such industry leaders as Apple, HP, IBM, JustSystems, Microsoft, Oracle, SAP, Sun, Sybase, Unisys and many others.

I am representing Bangla (Bangladesh) to Unicode Consortium since 2003. I report Bangla language related computing issues, which they can take care in future and apart from that they have common locale data repository for each language, I maintain the Bangla (Bangladesh) part and besides me, members of Ekushey and Ankur helps me to do that.

Ekushey

Co-Founder and Moderator

This is a very active mailing list started on Yahoo Groups. This list is dedicated for the Bangla speaking people from around the world and the major discussions here are on Bangla computing. Beside Bangla Computing, on this list member discusses on OpenSource related topics. Right now the mailing list has approximately 300 members.

Mukto

Founder and Moderator

The word MUKTO means Open in Bangla. I started this list to give people some space on the virtual world to discuss on OpenSource related topics. Started in 2007, this list has approximately 170 members now.

BDLUG

Founder Member

This is a very old mailing list of Bangladesh dedicated to the Linux users. The list has currently approximately 900 members. This is an informal forum where Linux users, fans and followers can meet and exchange information.

Dinajpur Anusandhani Biggan Club

Joint Secretary

Established sometimes back in the earlier 80s this club is very encouraging to the Science Enthusiastic students. Students from Schools and Colleges are the members and at present time the club has 120 active members and won National Science Fair award for 42 times under different categories. Apart from Scientific practice the club has several activities like AIDS and Anti-Drug awareness.

Bangladesh Researchers Community

Founder Member

This is an email based online platform for Bangladeshi scholars, researchers, professionals, and entrepreneurs around the globe. The community is member-rich in diversified fields of science and engineering, business, arts and social sciences etc. In most cases the members come out with answers to the queries made by fellow members. This makes the community attractive to the personnel interested in subject-intensive and cross-subject collaboration for researches, developments and business. This forum has currently approximately 15500 members.

References

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