

Neil Cowburn

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Founder/Developer, Vividnoise

February 2010 - Present, North Wales

Designed and developed Linkie, a client for the bit.ly URL shortening service. Linkie was the first iPhone application to synchronise with bit.ly users' accounts. Currently working on an exercise calorie tracking application with a brief to be simple & elegant. Mockups available upon request.

Principal Partner, OpenNETCF Consulting

April 2006 - February 2010, North Wales

Designed and developed a custom ASP.NET web server for Windows CE as well as an industry-leading class library framework which extends the .NET Compact Framework. Consultant to a various companies, ranging from small businesses to Fortune 500 companies, seeking support and development expertise in Windows Mobile, Windows CE and the .NET Compact Framework. Responsible for generating new leads and business for other consultants.

Technical Consultant, Conchango

August 2005 - April 2006, London

Acting as a Consultant to a various companies seeking support and development expertise in Windows Mobile and the .NET Compact Framework. Responsible for mentoring other consultants in mobile application design and development. Developed IM bots for application automation and information retrieval targeting MSN Messenger and Google Talk networks. Worked on system integration for a leading outdoor leisure retailer's web site, providing links via Web services between the retailer's back office system, distribution centre and its chosen fulfilment service provider.

Mobile Development Consultant, Neil Cowburn Ltd

April 2004 - August 2005, Wigan

Worked as a freelancer for several companies, including Avanade, as mobile & embedded applications specialist. Development software for high-end home entertainment systems, tablet manufacturing presses, and field-force automation.

Technologist, Content Master Ltd

January 2003 - April 2004, Gloucester

Wrote whitepapers for Intel and Microsoft on a variety of subjects, but focussing on mobility. Also wrote several web-based training courses for Intel, several Microsoft Official Curriculum workshops on the .NET Compact Framework. Contributed source code and information for the MS Press book, *Microsoft .NET Compact Framework Core Reference*. Developed content and sample applications for the Microsoft Imagine Cup.

Senior Software Engineer, Ebbon-Dacs Ltd

September 2000 - January 2003, Oxford

Developed several B2B web-based solutions for the automotive industry. Primarily worked on server-side architecture and interoperability via web services. Introduced development standards and best practices for technical team. Responsible for prototyping applications with leading, and often, emerging technologies such as the .NET Compact Framework, .NET Framework, SOAP, XML, etc.

Internet Engineer, Freecom.net Ltd

September 1999 - June 2000, Oxford

Created e-commerce sites for small businesses. Worked on optimising the web-based template system used for site creation.

Developer, JEM Business Systems

June 1998 - September 1999, Skelmersdale

Developed an application for facilities management for the NHS.

Development

AJAX

C

C++

C#

Cocoa

CSS

HTML

JavaScript

Microsoft ASP.NET

Microsoft .NET Compact

Framework

Microsoft .NET

Framework

Objective-C

PHP

PERL

Python

Ruby

Visual Basic

XML/XSL

Platforms

iPhone

Web

Windows CE

Windows Mobile

Tools

Microsoft SQL Server

MySQL

Photoshop

Subversion

Visual SourceSafe

Visual Studio

Xcode

Expertise

Build automation

Graphic design

Mobile application

development

Mobile architecture

Web application

development

Clients

Avanade

General Motors

Hewlett-Packard

Intel

Microsoft

Siemens

Interests

Mountain biking

Running

Climbing

Adventure sports

Cooking