

Job Description – Senior Developer (Ruby on Rails)

Name of employer: White Space Communications Limited
Job title: Senior Ruby on Rails Developer
Location: Joseph Exley House, Dean Street Barnsley
Reporting to: Interactive Director
Salary: Neg. + Bens

Company overview

Whitespace is a highly successful, brand communications agency specialising in corporate communications, digital media and on and off line marketing consultancy. We are a small agency (14 employees in total) with a blue chip national and international client base. Our focus is powerful ideas, outstanding quality and excellent client relationships. Our Interactive team is line managed by a Project Director and consists of three developers, one interactive designer, project Manager and a search engine marketing administrator. All work is overseen and managed by a project manager and the interactive team collaborates closely with the design and marketing team on all projects.

The Interactive team has a number of high profile clients including Iceland, Jacuzzi, Energiser, Barclays, the Department for Work and Pensions, Experian Plc and others.

The candidate

We are looking for a talented senior web developer with a history of commercial web application design and development and exposure to the full project life cycle. The successful candidate must have a working knowledge of software design patterns, a clear understanding of web and system security issues and designing for best application performance. They will be at home in a Unix shell such as Bash and have a good working knowledge of Unix command line tools such as tar, sed, grep, awk and find.

Responsibilities

- Commercial website application design and development (min 3 years)
- Preparing functional and technical specifications in collaboration with the Project Director
- Working closely with directors and clients ensuring projects are completed on time/budget
- Participating in client meetings when appropriate and be able to discuss technical issues in a clear and positive way to non-technical audiences.
- Keeping fully abreast of latest thinking in all areas of web development

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Essential requirements

- Outstanding Linux/FreeBSD/Solaris, Ruby on Rails, Apache, MySQL and PHP skills
- Clean sheet relational database design together with very good SQL skills
- Must have experience of importing and manipulating data with SQL scripts
- HTML and CSS experience
- Experience of payment gateways
- Good working knowledge of e-mail, FTP
- Thorough knowledge of website accessibility guidelines and data protection practices
- Experience working directly with clients in a highly professional manner
- Excellent communication skills
- Excellent people skills
- Excellent organisational skills
- Attention to detail and accuracy
- Ability to work quickly and to tight deadlines
- Fluent in English if English is not primary language
- Sense of humour
- Digital agency environment background preferred

Experience of the following would be a distinct advantage

- Java Script, AJAX and dynamic HTML
- Subversion
- Redmine
- Perl or Bash scripting
- PostgreSQL
- DNS and Bind
- In-depth TCP/IP and firewalls
- Java, JSP, Spring, Hibernate or iBatis
- ASP.Net/C#

This is a key role in a company that is not afraid to make use of cutting-edge open source technologies in order to deliver the next generation of web applications to major B2B and B2C clients.

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