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BRIAN LEE

Senior level executive passionate about delivering technology based solutions to business challenges. I bring over 35 years of energetic leadership, project management, solution design, and engineering in a broad spectrum of industries including Healthcare, Technology, Biotechnology, Financial Services, Hospitality, Retail, and Education.

My proven track record includes multiple engagements as CIO, IT Director, and Project Lead. I excel at building, motivating, and leading teams of exceptional people.

EXPERIENCE

CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER

Forte Systems, Inc.
5/2016 - Present

Lead consultant on strategic IT projects including architecture, design, policy, procedures, compliance, and best practices.

CHIEF EVERYTHING OFFICER

Forte Systems, Inc.
8/1985 – 5/2016

Founder, owner, and CEO of an IT Consulting company delivering technology solutions to leading San Francisco Bay Area companies. Core competencies include LAN/WAN connectivity, network infrastructure, security, wireless, data center, virtualization, storage networking, VoIP, cloud, data protection, disaster recovery, business continuity, compliance, and governance.

INTERIM CIO

West Dermatology
1/2015 – 2/2016

Provide IT leadership and strategic direction for a large regional dermatology practice serving California, Nevada, and Arizona. Direct and manage engineering and service desk operations supporting 350 users and two data centers in a HIPAA compliant environment.

BOARD MEMBER

Cisco SMB Advisory Board
2007 - 2013

Advisor to Cisco on products and market strategies for the small and medium business markets.

DIR. PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

Broderbund Software
1984 - 1985

Manage the acquisition and development of consumer software products for the personal computer market. This included productivity, creativity, entertainment, and educational software products for the IBM PC, Apple, Macintosh, and Commodore 64 platforms.

VP, PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

Synapse Software
1982 - 1985

Responsible for setting product direction and managing software development for consumer software market. Designed, developed, and published a successful line of home productivity software products for the Atari, Apple, and Commodore 64 platforms.

MANAGER, EXPENSE CONTROL

Gap Inc.
1981 - 1982

Prepare store operations budgets and control expenses for a leading national clothing retailer. Produced budgets in 25% of the time previously taken by pioneering the first use of personal computers.

EDUCATION

BS & MBA, FINANCE

California State Univ., Hayward
1978 - 1981

With highest honors. Additional coursework in mathematics, forecasting, and quantitative methods. Lectured undergraduate Finance courses.

CERTIFICATIONS

CISCO

CCNA R&S, CCNA Voice, CCDA, UC Specialist, Meraki CMNA

MICROSOFT

MCT, MCSE+Security, MCSE+Internet

VMWARE

VCP, VTSP, VSP

SONICWALL

CSSA

NOVELL

CNA

COMP TIA

A+, Network+, Security+

PROJECTS

NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE

High availability WAN for 45 locations for healthcare provider.
VPN backup to MPLS WAN for national medical firm.
Cisco Catalyst switch upgrade for San Francisco TV station.
Cisco Catalyst and Meraki switching for national CPA firm.

ENTERPRISE WIRELESS

Cisco controller based WiFi for private high school campus.
Meraki WiFi for one of the largest CPA firms in the country.
Enterprise WiFi optimization for major university law college.
Meraki WiFi for regional healthcare insurance provider.

DATA CENTER

Cisco UCS/Nexus, NetApp, VMware for financial services firm.
Cisco Nexus and Catalyst switching for semiconductor manufacturer.
Data center move and expansion for San Francisco TV station.
VMware server consolidation for small/medium businesses.

STRATEGY / GOVERNANCE

Data flow analysis for a global scale biotechnology company.
Policy governed lifecycle management of systems and images.
Policy framework and ITSM for healthcare equipment firm.
Security risk assessment for a national construction company.
Interim CIO or IT Director for multiple companies.

COMPLIANCE

HIPAA compliant networks for healthcare companies.
SOX compliance policies and procedures for audits.
PCI compliant networks for financial services companies.

CLIENTS



REFERENCES

TIM WAFA

Director of Technology
Telecare Corporation

"I had the privilege of working with him during many of his engagements, and was always impressed by his professionalism, competence and attention to detail. Brian has an impressive rap sheet of well executed projects and initiatives. When he is assigned a goal, you can rest assured that it will get done using industry best practices, with minimal overhead and with long-term sustainability in mind."

CHRIS LEU

CIO
Acco Engineered Systems

"Brian is solid leader and we use Brian as an extension of our internal teams for DR and Security. I am pleased to say Brian is an important member of our team."

HARVEY BICHKOFF

CEO
Marin Specialty Care

"Brian has been a great help to our company for many years. He has a deep understanding of information technology and is great to work with. He is always available and his follow through is excellent."

DAVID SCHMITT

CEO
ClearTriage

"He is one of the sharpest, most technically-talented people I have ever known. Combined with his non-stop work ethic and his deep caring for both clients and co-workers, I offer my highest recommendation for Brian."

OTHER

PERFORMANCE DRIVING

Certified Performance Driving Instructor, Porsche Club of America
Certified Performance Driving Instructor, BMW Car Club of America

VIDEO

Certified Calibration Engineer, Imaging Science Foundation

AUTHOR

"The New Print Shop", a Best Selling Home Software product

PATENT

US 5,450,078, Membrane Computer Keyboard and Method