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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Reliable candidate ready to take on challenges using problem-solving and task prioritization skills to help team succeed.

SKILLS OVERVIEW

- Proficient in all aspects of SQL Server Versions 2000 to 2019 Administration, Development, and Architecture
 - SSRS / SSIS / SSAS
- Tradition Clustering and AlwaysOn installation and configuration
- Data Mapping
- ETL
- Data Warehousing
- Migrations, Upgrades, Lift and Shift
- Microsoft Power Apps
 - Power BI, Power Automate, Dataverse, Pages
- Azure DevOps
- GitHub / TFS
- Tableau, MicroStrategy, Qlik Suite
- Snowflake, DB2, NoSQL, PostgreSQL, AWS
- DBT
- Python / JSON / .net
- Jira, OpsManager, SysAid, Remedy, Grafana
- Redgate Suite
- SOX and HIPPA Compliance
- Disaster Recovery
- O365
- Windows Versions 95 to 2019 Server / Personal
- Idera, SolarWinds, Beacon, Zabbix

EXPERIENCE

APRIL 2024-JUNE 2024

Data Engineer (Short-term Contract)

Butler/Till Media

- Designed and developed Data Marts in Snowflake, enhancing data retrieval and storage efficiency
- Optimized queries by tailoring them with variables to improve performance and accuracy for each client
- Created Python scripts to manage embedded SnowSQL queries, facilitating efficient data import and export processes
- Adapted t-SQL queries for compatibility with Snowflake environment, ensuring seamless integration
- Designed new database tables to meet specific requirements of the Data Marts, optimizing data organization and accessibility
- Utilized VSCode and GitHub for version control, maintaining code integrity and facilitating collaborative development

AUGUST 2022-FEBRUARY 2024

Manager Data Platform and Analytics

CarePayment Technologies

- Oversaw the Data Engineering team
- Supervised reporting tasks
- Drafted documentation for knowledge base articles
- Allocated tickets to team members
- Managed budgetary aspects
- Conducted interviews for prospective hires
- Facilitated onboarding processes
- Engaged directly in day-to-day operations
- Innovated by crafting new procedures and views for ETL, SSRS, and Power BI
- Designed new ELT Import processes
- Fulfilled duties as SQL Database Administrator
- Led the integration of Snowflake platform using DBT / Airflow / Data Factory
- Innovated by replacing SSRS Subscriptions with Power Automate flows
- Participated in the implementation of Flyway Source Control
- Utilized Azure DevOps for project management, Power Automate, and Wiki
- Implemented Idera software for database management and monitoring purposes

Senior Data Engineer

- Monitored ETL processes and promptly rectified any encountered errors to maintain data integrity.
- Led the migration of SQL 2016 databases to SQL 2019, ensuring a smooth transition and minimal downtime.
- Developed and modified SSIS packages to facilitate efficient data integration and transformation.
- Conducted performance tuning on databases by implementing maintenance jobs and optimizing indexes for enhanced query execution.
- Rewrote underperforming stored procedures to improve database performance and reliability.
- Provided mentorship and conducted code reviews to foster best practices and ensure high-quality code.
- Offered recommendations for optimizing the file loading process into SQL Data Warehouses.

- Overhauled SQL Agent job schedules to align with reporting requirements and maximize efficiency in data processing.

AUGUST 2021-AUGUST 2022

Manager Business Intelligence

Book A Million

- Transitioned from QlikView to QlikSense.
- Supervised data loading processes.
- Optimized and administered SQL Server.
- Scripted imports and exports to and from DB2.
- Architected database and code for Inventory Scan program.
- Oversaw team members and provided mentorship and guidance.

NOVEMBER 2020-AUGUST 2021

SQL Database Engineer

Southern Company

- Evaluated existing SQL Server architecture and proposed enhancement strategies.
- Guided SQL developers in crafting efficient queries.
- Monitored SQL Server environments across Production, Test, and Development stages.
- Coordinated scheduling and deployment of SQL and Linux code.
- Took part in interview processes for potential candidates.
- Participated in on-call rotation duties.

JULY 2019-NOVEMBER 2020

Senior SQL Database Architect

Hibbett Sports

- Transitioned from traditional disk clustering to AlwaysOn for enhanced reliability.
- Established robust security protocols to safeguard SQL environments.
- Successfully recovered SQL systems from disaster recovery (DR) scenarios during SAN failures.
- Developed comprehensive disaster recovery (DR) plans to ensure business continuity.
- Provided mentorship to SQL developers on best practices for writing efficient SQL code, including Common Table Expressions (CTEs) and joins.
- Designed and implemented maintenance plans to optimize SQL Server performance.
- Developed and executed SSIS packages to streamline data integration processes.
- Offered guidance to the BI team on best practices for developing and deploying SSIS packages.
- Upgraded SSIS packages to the 2016 version for the BI team and devised a strategy for upgrading other SSIS packages.

MARCH 2019-JULY 2019

Manager Reporting and Data

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- Managed SQL databases and reporting functionalities.
- Established and executed maintenance plans while adhering to SQL Server environment best practices.
- Produced MicroStrategy dossiers tailored for C-level executives within the company.
- Advocated for cloud adoption for SQL Server infrastructure.
- Underwent training in SAP Hana.
- Provided mentorship to SQL Server developers on optimal T-SQL practices.

OCTOBER 2016-MARCH 2019

Director of Data and Reporting

Express Oil Change and Tire Engineers

- Oversaw Data and Reporting operations.
- Hands-On Director with two direct reports, reporting to the CIO.
- Developed and maintained SSRS reporting for both tire and oil divisions of the business.
- Established and managed daily data imports using stored procedures or SSIS packages.
- Ensured data consistency across POS databases.
- Collaborated with vendors to implement new features, BI reporting, database consolidation, and SSAS.
- Project managed and oversaw the implementation of new data imports or reports.
- Created and managed budget allocation for SQL resources.
- Managed SQL licensing requirements.
- Collaborated with team members on various projects as required.
- Fulfilled SQL administration and development duties.
- Performed data mapping from MySQL to SQL databases.
- Designed and developed dashboards using Tableau.

Sr. SQL Database Administrator and Developer

- Verified daily completion of backup and maintenance tasks.
- Monitored and developed ETL packages as necessary.
- Addressed and resolved production issues.
- Collaborated with team members.
- Established new production implementation guidelines.
- Imported nightly store data and resolved associated file issues.
- Designed and modified SSIS packages to optimize data import processes.
- Maintained and created new SSRS reports.
- Ensured data warehouse health by partitioning tables and removing unnecessary data.
- Monitored SQL Server instances and established security protocols.
- Designed new databases for incoming data imports.
- Configured and scheduled SQL Agent jobs.

- Deployed and maintained SQL servers.
- Strategized POS system data migration and database normalization.

AUGUST 2015-OCTOBER 2016

SQL Database Administrator and Developer

Regions Wealth

- Monitored SQL Servers supporting the Wealth and Trust division at Regions.
- Developed databases for internal wealth management projects.
- Created migration scripts for seamless database-to-database migrations.
- Addressed production issues promptly if they arose.
- Operated within an Agile framework.

JANUARY 2013-AUGUST 2015

SQL Database Administrator

Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings

- Performed daily maintenance tasks on SQL Servers.
- Installed SQL standalone servers on VMware platforms.
- Configured traditional and AlwaysOn clustering setups.
- Generated Security Reports to track changes in the SQL environment.
- Provided 24/7 on-call support.
- Collaborated with vendors to update databases as required.
- Established change control procedures for database management.
- Upgraded SQL 2000 server to 2008/2012 versions.
- Managed projects related to database operations.
- Migrated databases from older hardware SQL servers (2005/2008/2008R2) to new SQL 2012 servers.
- Installed and recommended monitoring software for SQL environments.
- Implemented SQL mail functionality.
- Supervised employees working on other SQL servers.
- Oversaw development SQL servers.
- Aided IT department as needed.

APRIL 2011-JANUARY 2013

Database Manager III

BBVA Compass Bank

- Generated Change Control tickets for updating, upgrading, script execution, triggers, functions, views, and stored procs implementation into production environments.
- Established new databases as required.
- Managed replication by starting and stopping as needed.
- Upgraded necessary applications for the bank.
- Provided 24/7 on-call support.
- Installed SQL on standalone and clustered nodes.
- Utilized Idera for backups and service monitoring.
- Addressed emails regarding failed SQL jobs.

- Handled helpdesk tickets related to SQL issues.
- Deployed SQL 2008R2 clusters for high-profile customers.
- Conducted training and exclusive installations of SQL 2012 RCo with Microsoft.

CERTIFICATIONS

VMWare Certification VCA in Data Center Virtualization

MCSA SQL Server 2012-2019

MCSE Data Management and Analytics 2012-2019