Alasdair King

Engineering leader and senior software developer. Successfully led small engineering company to its acquisition by our main competitor. Now looking for a senior role in Manchester to achieve new success.

Employment

March 2018–Present
Managing Director, **Claro Software**

April 2008–February 2018
Technical Director, Claro Software

July 2005–March 2008
Software Engineer, Claro Software

September 2000-June 2005
Lecturer and PhD Student, University of Manchester

Education

University of Manchester, PhD, 2006.
Building software for blind people, including a web browser, RSS client, Podcatcher, and cool 3D map navigator.
UMIST, Manchester, MSc. Computing (Distinction), 2001

Experience

- Taking the company through due diligence for acquisition, including: security review, GDPR, licensing, roadmap, SDLC roadmap. Company acquired, making me redundant – job done!

- Building up team from one to twelve developers plus QA, using agile processes, training up developers, introducing coding standards like Git and Agile. Recruiting and managing this great team personally.

- Competing successfully in crowded market based on rapid innovation, laser-focus on business need and customer wants, practical and pragmatic while never compromising quality.

- Innovating onto rapidly-moving new technology platforms, migrating from Visual Basic 6 to .Net Windows Forms to WPF to HTML/JS in Electron and latest Node and PWA technologies, while always supporting users and business revenue. From Windows XP in 2005 to Android, iOS, Chromebook, Windows and Web with cross-platform, secure and performant technology stacks in 2021.

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Honesty
Positivity
Pragmatism

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Information Security
Software Engineering
Knowledge Management
Commercial Licencing
Windows & Full-Stack Tech