

Chief Digital Technology Architect

UK - LEEDS (HYBRID)



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Overview

We are looking for a Chief Digital Technology Architect for our client, a FTSE 100 and Fortune 500 listed company, to join our clients Technology department in Leeds.

You will play a pivotal role in maintaining the integrity of systems, the consistency of applied architectures and providing strategic direction.

The Chief Digital Technology Architect will play a pivotal role in establishing and maintaining an active architecture and engineering community, shaping the forward view of Digital Technology (Web, Mobile, MarTech, Customer Ops) across the enterprise and ensuring investment is linked to long-term business strategy.

You will architect, design and prototype platform concepts and technologies, working in tandem with Solutions Architects and Development Leads looking for cross product and cross tribe alignment in terms of technology use and reuse. This role will provide extensive technical, strategic advice and guidance of the highest level to senior managers and technical resources in the creation and implementation of new digital technology.

Although very much a technology role, the Chief Digital Technology Architect retains a very strong business steer achieved through regular contact with tribe leads and business/product owners.



Requirements

- Significant experience of building mobile and web applications e.g. Web technologies (ReactJS, Angular) and Mobile (iOS/Swift/ObjectiveC, Android)
- Experience with Marketing Technology in an ecommerce environment, specifically the Adobe Marketing Cloud, but also SEO, SEM, Social Media Platforms, Content Management, Analytics, Testing and optimisation, Media Buying, marketing automation, CRM, Omni-channel Delivery, CDN, etc, ideally Internet based businesses from Betting and Gaming, Retail, Banking and/or IT Consultancy, ideally within a highly regulated industry
- Full life cycle experience, responsible for the development of a complete set of architectural views for an enterprise in accordance with one of the more common architecture frameworks
- Strong business analysis skills and experience, including development of business vision and strategies, functional decomposition, requirements capture, process modelling
- Proven track record and ability in leading technical staff, using wide-ranging skills (including planning, organising and interpersonal skills)
- Experience of operating at director level and able to present at Board level, translating technology into terms relating to business drivers and financial performance
- Experience of software development methodologies and structured approaches to system development
- Security and Infrastructure experience is strongly desirable
- Awareness of systems management and operational support tools
- Familiarity with and buy-in on agile/lean development methodologies, continuous delivery principles
- Strong knowledge of design and architectural patterns



Responsibilities

Reporting directly to the Director of Technology Strategy, the Chief Digital Technology Architect will:

- Oversee all divisional-wide Digital Technology architecture to ensure alignment with our technology vision
- Define and maintain architecture standards across the division, foster a culture of creativity and innovation with the community
- Establish architectural principles for Digital Technology and contribute to the architectural repository to document, catalogue, and manage architecture artefacts
- Support the Chief Enterprise Architecture to establish and develop architecture and design governance processes
- Look at the six month to three years business roadmaps and establish a suitable strategy for embedding the required capabilities in the business
- Provide oversight for budgets and project plans, and help manage technology risks and issues
- Work with the Director of Technology Strategy, CTO and other architects across the organisation to ensure consistency and alignment of the technology roadmaps across the whole organisation
- Work with the Director of Technology Strategy to establish architectural governance and oversight of IT delivery and services to ensure a balance of near-term pragmatism with long-term direction



Responsibilities

- Participate in product evaluations, RFP's, POC's and business decisions to ensure fit and scale into the platform and the organisation
- Ensuring that the application/systems, data and technology aspects of the enterprise architecture are driven by the business imperatives of the organisation and that the requirements driving the overall architecture are managed consistently and effectively
- Assessing the requirements and presenting architectural recommendations that are in line with the strategic vision for the enterprise and wider best practice
- Providing leadership to the wider architecture and technical community and maintain constructive relationships with suppliers to allow effective and productive evaluation of vendor offerings against business requirements, constraints and priorities
- Ensuring that the various views comprising an enterprise architecture are consistent and coherent, at an appropriate level of detail and that changes are controlled so as to maintain consistency
- Advise on and participate in the governance arrangements set up to ensure that the enterprise architecture delivers the desired benefits to an organisation
- Act as coach to advise and assist analysts, developers, technical specialists and architects in any architecture disciplines



The Package

You wouldn't expect us to disclose the salary range at this early stage, but we're very confident that we'll meet your expectations. Our client understands the value of rewarding staff well, and has constructed a superb package. There's also a significant annual discretionary bonus.

And that's just for starters.

You'll get medical and dental cover for you and your immediate family. You'll get a personal interest allowance to encourage you to pursue a hobby away from the workplace. Work is important, but so is life.

This role follows a hybrid approach to working, allowing you to combine working from home with working in modern offices. We will kit you out to work from home, but know that working as a team is what makes our client great and spending quality time together is essential for keeping missions aligned.



Next...

If we've piqued your interest, we'd be happy to answer any questions that you may have. If you are happy to be considered, we'll need a CV, and after that, there'll be a telephone interview with the relevant personnel.

If both parties are happy, there will be more formal interviews where your technical experience will be explored.

And if that goes well...welcome to your new job.



A bit about us

We have decades of experience of recruitment, business and commerce, and it shows. Trading since 2018, we're an independent and proud Irish company, working mainly within the tech sector across Bulgaria, Ireland and the UK. We have developed some very smart techniques for finding key staff for our portfolio of clients. It can be hard and laborious work, but it's really effective.

But you know that already, or you wouldn't be sitting there, reading this.

We treat our candidates with a great deal of respect, and because of this, we develop strong relationships with our ever-increasing database of talent.

We never forget that we are dealing with people who are making life changing decisions. We'd be *delighted* to help you on to the next stage of your career.



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