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Summary

Accomplished senior professional in the world of FIX with over 15 years of extensive and proven success in FIX onboarding / implementations / certifications using the FIX 4.x protocol on UNIX/Linux environments. Able to provide tenured experience and analysis to contribute in a fast-paced deadline-intensive environment. Strong detail oriented technical and financial business background paired with exceptional leadership abilities.

Core Skills

- FIX 4.x and FIXML 4.4 messaging tags
- Linux, Unix, Windows server, DOS including shell scripting
- Proficient in global equities, options, futures, and FX
- ULLink, VeriFIX, CertiFIX, TradeScope, Appia, Cameron 6.x
- XML, JavaScript, Java tweaks
- Network troubleshooting including netstat and tracer commands
- Self motivated with strong organization skills.
- Communicate and work effectively and efficiently with all cross-functional groups including Networking/Firewall, Sales, Account Management, QA and Development teams.
- Demonstrated talent for multitasking efficiently while still being detail oriented.
- Strong problem solving, analytical, and interpersonal skills.
- Able to work independently as well as a part of a team in a multitasking environment.

Experience

Bloomberg

February 2021 – Present

New York, NY 10165

FIX Onboarding, Certification, and Implementation (Consultant)

- Onboarding and implementation for new FI and FX clients including firewall, routing, and application setup for order routing, drop copies, and allocations using FIX 4.4 and 5.0 protocols.
- Certify existing clients for the new BTBS and BTBU venues as well as certification of these clients for all existing venues (MTF/SEF) when upgrading from a lower version to the current version of the FIX spec.
- Project management.
- Primary markets: **FX, Fixed Income, Equities**

CME Group (formerly NEX Markets)

July 2018 – February 2021

New York, NY 10282

Product Manager, EBS Institutional

- Onboarded new clients onto the platform ensuring all connectivity and accounts are set up correctly in all environments.
- Managed client requirements by documenting statement of work as needed to gain estimates from the developers for date of completion so as to set client expectations and following up with my team until the work has been completed and signed off by the client.
- Responsible for all US-based clients trading on the platform; backup for clients residing elsewhere.
- Managed a team of developers and QA to ensure deadlines are met for future releases which include enhancements and bug fixes.
- Participated in daily scrum calls and periodic queue reviews to ensure backlogged items are currently being addressed.
- Provided enhancements to the system based on my experience with other asset classes including new functionality as well as design/look-and-feel to ensure the system contains aspects for which new/potential client may be seeking.
- Enhanced troubleshooting for all aspects and flow of the environment including products (spot / forwards / swaps / NDFs / NDSs) and netting capabilities.
- Certified with OMS vendors and clients using proprietary OMS setups.
- Primary markets: **FX**

UBS

October 2015 – July 2018

New York, NY 10019

Associate Director, FIX Client Onboarding and Support

- Performed FIX certifications for all equities and options flow from clients to downstream systems.
- Analyzed performance, discussed and recommended strategies for improvement, and implemented plans to improve the operation and efficiency of the client-facing environment.
- Third tier support for FIX-related routing issues.
- Responsible for setup, certification, and support of clients connecting to the OUCH (binary) environment to the darkpool environment.
- Identified and validated software code fixes in response to customer concerns and API enhancements.
- Primary markets: **Equities, Darkpools, Futures and Options**

Forex Capital Markets

March 2013 – July 2015

New York, NY 10041

Vice President, eFX FIX Client Onboarding and Support

- Performed FIX certifications and onboarding for both client and liquidity provider facing sides to the FXCM Institutional ECN environment from order entry to Traiana matching, including an STP drop copy API.
- Documented all onboarding and daily support policies, procedures, and FIX specifications in order to provide the same quality of service globally across all regions.
- Created dashboards based on statistics from reports on cases opened in Salesforce for use in C-level presentations.
- Working knowledge of TradeCapture report flow from ECN to Traiana Harmony / Netlink.
- Project Management.
- Performed weekly metrics on all clients and liquidity providers to ensure fill ratio is as expected or diagnosed and suggested logistics as to why client may be receiving poor fill ratio and suggested alternative trading methodologies.
- Performed QA to ensure bug fixes and newly implemented features behave as anticipated.
- Monitored all FIX-related aspects of the production and testing environments to ensure client connectivity, LP connectivity, and post trade (i.e. TradeCapture reports) messaging were functioning without delay and are maintained in a healthy state.
- Primary markets: **FX**

ULLink

October 2012 – February 2013

New York, NY 10017

Lead FIX Onboarding Engineer

- Performed FIX certifications and onboarding for both the client-facing and broker/exchange-facing sides for all flow (i.e. DMA, algos, program trading, and cash) from clients to all downstream brokers/exchanges/LPs.
- Analyzed current routing, recommended strategies for improvements on latency, and implemented plans to improve the operation and efficiency of the ULNet hosted ECN environment.
- Responsible for creation and testing of XML-based and java-based validators and translators to ensure that proper flow and UL tags are set based on input FIX tags.
- Project management of client onboardings with all needed documentation for knowledge sharing and portability of the certifications.
- Knowledge of all ULLink products including UL Bridge, Odisys, and UL Trader.
- Primary markets: **Equities, Futures and Options**

JPMorgan Chase

May 2010 – April 2012

New York, NY 10005

FIX Onboarding, Certification, and Implementation Analyst (Consultant)

- Performed FIX certifications and onboarding for all equities flow (DMA, algos, program trading, and cash) from clients to all North American downstream systems.
- Analyzed performance, discussed and recommended strategies for improvement, and implemented plans to improve the operation and efficiency of the client-facing environment.
- Tier 3 production support for FIX-related routing issues.
- Migrated of 500+ FIX clients to new version of UL Bridge platform.
- Reduced latency on above 500+ FIX clients by eliminating redundant rules and tag checks.
- Identified and validated software code fixes in response to customer concerns and API enhancements.
- Demonstrated proof of concepts for new logic and trade flow.
- Project management.
- Responsible for maintaining the healthy state of the UAT environment.
- Performed QA to ensure bug fixes and newly implemented features behave as anticipated.
- Documented all onboarding and daily support policies, procedures, and FIX specifications in order to provide the same quality of service for all members of the department globally for all regions.
- Primary markets: **Equities and Options**

Education

Bachelor of Science, Computer Science

Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY

Volunteer

- Mathematics Tutor – JCCA – (March 2013 – July 2015)
- Auxiliary Sergeant – New York Police Department - (March 2008 – July 2012)
- Auxiliary Police Officer – New York Police Department - (February 2000 – March 2008)