



Software Architect Plymouth

Twofour Digital, Europe's leading media technology company delivering WebTV, IPTV, Webcasting, Web2.0 and Mobile services is seeking a talented Software Architect. You will take ownership of the overall technical direction and strategy for software development. You will be required to develop the skills of those within our Development team, keep up to date with emerging technologies, provide strategic advice, offer technical solutions, work with Solution Owners to develop and document standards and procedures, and ensure the output of the department is technically and creatively fit for purpose.

Technically, you will have comprehensive knowledge of predominately Microsoft development technologies to include ASP.NET, C#, SQL Server, XML, Javascript, ASP Ajax, Web Services and new technologies such as Silverlight. In addition, knowledge and experience of Digital Media technology will be an advantage. The successful candidate will have the ability to apply technical knowledge to real world problems as well as the ability to build successful working relationships. We are looking for someone with excellent communication and team working skills who has the drive and determination to succeed.

Candidates with Microsoft MCA accreditation are highly desirable.

This is a rare opportunity to join an award winning company working on projects at the cutting edge of digital media technology for world renowned clients.

Applications in the form of a CV and covering letter should be sent to Graham Perkins at graham.perkins@twofour.co.uk. Closing date: **01/07/09**

Twofour is one of the fastest growing media groups in the UK. A major independent TV producer, it also leads the way in convergent television providing technical solutions for broadcasting and business communications.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title:	Software Architect
Reporting To:	Managing Director of Twofour Digital
Line Manager of:	N/A
Job Location:	Plymouth, although consideration will be given to requests to work off-site

Main Purpose of Job

Detailed Duties

1. To take ownership of the overall technical direction and strategy for software development within the Company and to communicate this effectively with all stakeholders on a regular basis.

2. To ensure the output of the department is technically and creatively fit for purpose.
3. To develop the skills of the development team in line with both the overall departmental strategy and the overall company strategy.
4. To work with Solution Owners to develop and document standards and procedures for the design, build and implementation across all projects in the department.
5. To provide strategic advice to IT and Webcasting groups, as well as to Board – specifically to highlight areas of risk and opportunities for improved service delivery.
6. To review, contribute and advise on all development projects.
7. To produce and maintain the architecture documents for each development project. This document includes system diagram and process flow diagram with Solution Owner.
8. To specify and maintain development standards that are used across development teams taking into account accepted industry best practice. To document these standards and procedures then issue and communicate them to the development team.
9. To drive technical excellence throughout the department.
10. To provide technical assistance to the sales team.
11. To meet customers, when required, to offer technical solutions and gather project requirements.
12. To attend project initiation meetings as required.
13. Where appropriate to be a technical contact to clients and offer 3rd line support to them and Development/IT Support teams.
14. To produce a formal monthly report to the Digital Board of Directors (by the 15th of the month), detailing architectural activities assessing successes and opportunities for future enhancements.
15. To develop a client focussed environment across the whole department.

Key Objectives (i.e. are there any specific targets to be achieved?)

Special Factors (e.g. travelling between sites)

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Criteria	Essential	Desirable
Education & Experience		
Knowledge	Knowledge of system architecture and design methods. Understanding of streaming media technologies.	
Specific Skills	Comprehensive knowledge of ASP.NET and C#, SQL	

	Server 2005 and Transact SQL, Visual Studio 2008, XML, Javascript, ASP Ajax, Web Services, Object Oriented methodologies.	
Personal Attributes	<p>Committed, reliable, enthusiastic, professional, friendly and responsible.</p> <p>Ability to build excellent working relationships with colleagues and clients and inspire confidence in all directions.</p> <p>Ability to communicate effectively with Digital teams, clients and management.</p> <p>Ability to apply technical knowledge to real world problems.</p> <p>Self-motivated and pro-active.</p>	
Other Requirements		