

Job Description

Job Title:	Solutions Architect	Directorate:	Information Systems
Reports To:	Lead Architect	Function/Division:	Digitalisation

Salary and Benefits

Along with a competitive salary of up to £70,000 depending on experience, we also offer great benefits including:

- Up to 15% annual performance bonus
- Annual leave of 25 days + bank holiday entitlement
- Agile working arrangements with up to 2 days per week working from home
- Enrolment into our Pension Scheme, with a generous company contribution

Role Purpose:
Responsible for the organisation's technical activities relating to the identification or development of solutions for specific architectural issues that meet business outcomes. Identifying the systems risks and constraints, translating into technical control requirements and specifications, and managing the outcomes to deliver the required objectives.

Key Responsibilities:

- Translate business and technical requirements into an architectural blueprint to achieve business objectives and document all solution architecture design and analysis work.
- Define the principles, guidelines, standards, and solution patterns to ensure solution decisions are aligned with the enterprise's future-state architecture vision.
- Understand business drivers and business capabilities (future and current state) and determine corresponding enterprise solution designs and change requirements to drive the organisation's targeted business outcomes.
- Facilitate the evaluation and selection of software product standards and services, as well as the design of standard and custom software configurations.
- Lead evaluation, design and analysis for the implementation of a solutions architecture across a group of specific business applications or technologies based on business strategy.
- Create architectural designs to guide and contextualize solution development across products, services, projects, and systems, including applications, technologies, processes, and information.
- Define the principles, guidelines, standards, and solution patterns to ensure solution decisions are aligned with the enterprise's future-state architecture vision.
- Assist the Lead Architect in produce multi-year architectural roadmap forecasts, reflecting this in the IT plan/annual budgets and forecasts.

Skills, Knowledge, Experience & Qualifications:

Essential:

- Minimum of 5+ experience in at least two IT solution development disciplines, including technical or infrastructure architecture, application development, or cloud development
- Previous experience developing architecture blueprints, strategies, and roadmaps.
- Proven experience implementing digital transformative strategies to unlock new opportunities for the business and accelerate revenue growth and productivity.
- Ability to translate future-state business capabilities and requirements into solution architecture requirements.
- Knowledge and understanding of digitalisation in a regulated environment. Experience of scoping and managing competing and complex projects.
- Understanding and knowledge of system development life cycle methodologies (such as waterfall, spiral, agile software development, rapid prototyping, incremental, synchronize and stabilize, and DevOps)

Desirable:

- Bachelor's degree in computer science, information-technology, engineering, system analysis or a related study, or equivalent experience
- Previous experience of working as part of a Distribution Network Operator.