

Consultant Profile : Steve Grimbley



Summary

Steve has been implementing Warehouse Management Systems for the last 24 years into retail, manufacturing and 3rd party logistics companies. Formerly head of professional services for EXE Technologies (Dallas Systems) Steve now focuses on working for clients involved in selecting and implementing WMS packaged solutions.

Steve has performed operational consulting services, designed, developed, installed, tested and supported various WMS applications into customer sites across Europe, using a multitude of technologies.

In the last year, he has project managed the implementation of a fully RF enabled WMS solution for John Henderson (Spar Distributor) in Northern Ireland. This involved extensive testing of the application prior to go live. Steve also led the selection process for a WMS solution in China for Spar international partners.

Consulting History

In 2001 / 2002 Steve was commissioned by J Henderson's in Northern Ireland to project manage the implementation of the Exceed 2000 WMS solution into their Grocery distribution Centre.

In 2002, he was commissioned by Halfords to develop a test strategy for the implementation of a new WMS (Manhattan Pkms). This test strategy included test scenarios and scripts, issue management and control and to provide support to the management of the testing process. This project had an extensive testing timetable that ran on for 16 months.

In 2003 Steve was engaged by the Outdoor Group to fully project manage the implementation of a new WMS into their 3 sites in Northampton. All elements of the project were controlled by him including an extensive testing schedule that included UAT, volume testing and dress rehearsals. This also involved building and supporting a project team to handle the day-to-day activities of the implementation.

In 2004 he was engaged by the shoe manufacturer Clarks. Clarks embarked on a project to implement a new WMS (Manhattan Pkms) in conjunction with SAP and a new highly automated warehouse (one of the largest of its type in Europe). The extent of the commission included the definition of the Clarks test strategy, definition of the test scenarios and writing of test scripts, project planning, ongoing support to the testing phases and management of the system, integration and user acceptance test phases of the project. This assignment ended in August 2005 with the successful Go-live of the solution.

In 2006 Steve project managed the implementation of a voice picking solution into the SPAR Grocery warehouse in Northern Ireland and was responsible for ensuring supplier conformance and successful delivery of the system to "live".

In 2007 / 2008 /2009 he was re-engaged by the Company in Northern Ireland to implement a new WMS and Voice picking system into its Fresh Foods Operation

In 2009 Steve led the selection process for Spar International in selecting a suitable WMS supplier for its partners in China

Areas of Expertise	WMS Selection Project Management of WMS Installations Planning WMS installations Defining WMS Test Strategies Writing of WMS Test scripts Managing WMS testing process Defining WMS training programs Running WMS training programs	WMS Operational Consulting/Best practice advice WMS Disaster Recovery programs Implementation Support WMS Supplier Management WMS Audits
Scope of Experience	Some of the organisations Steve has worked in implementing WMS solutions include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tesco, Sainsbury, Kwik Save, Iceland Frozen foods, Superdrug, John Hendersons (NI Spar Distributor), The Outdoor Group and Halfords in the retail sector. ➤ Heinz, LG, Esselte and Clarks in the manufacturing sector. ➤ BAX, Fritz. LEP and K&N in the 3pl and freight forwarding sector 	
Market Sector Focus	All sectors, predominantly retail	
Relevant Assignments	2001 John Henderson Project Manager 2002 Halfords test strategies and implementation 2003 The Outdoor Group PM 2004 / 2005 Clarks test strategies, management and implementation of Greenfield site 2006 John Henderson Voice picking project manager 2007/8/9 John Henderson WMS implementation project manager 2009 Spar International – WMS selection Process	
Qualifications & Registrations	1998 NT Basics/ Microsoft SQL Server 1996 Developing Managerial Competence (2 week residential course at Cranfield University) 1994 Informix 4gl Programming Online version 5.x/Basic Unix 1992 Tesco in house system analysis & Design course 1991 Cobol programming (MVS) / CICS programming (VSAM) 1990 JCL	
Employment	2001 – 2009 - EXDS Ltd – Principal Consultant 1994 – 2001 – Dallas Systems/EXE technologies. Roles held all involved WMS implementations including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UK Professional Services Director • Senior Projects Manager • Project Manager 1983 – 1994 – Tesco Stores. Roles held all involved WMS including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Analyst Programmer • Analyst Programmer • Technical support analyst • Distribution Implementer • General Warehousing work 	

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