Charlie Arehart

Charlie Arehart is an independent consultant (operating under CArehart.org) who is an experienced server troubleshooter with more than 40 years' experience in Enterprise IT. For nearly 25 years he has served (and helped lead) the ColdFusion community in many ways, including teaching, writing, speaking at user groups and conferences, organizing community resources, and more. He's recognized as an Adobe Community Professional for CF. For the first 15 years of his career, Charlie brought that same energy and focus to the development community of a mainframe DBMS, Model 204, consulting to many federal and defense agencies using some of the largest databases in the world.

For the past 25 years he has focused on assisting companies of all sizes and experience levels with CF server troubleshooting, tuning, installation, configuration, administration, migration, and security, providing mostly remote, short-term consulting. More at carehart.org/consulting. (Recruiters: Charlie is NOT seeking full-time or development roles with CF, nor any work with M204.)

Experience

2006-present Independent Consultant Various clients Jamestown, KY

 Providing troubleshooting, tuning and more regarding ColdFusion web application deployments for clients worldwide, including Fortune 100 companies, government agencies, hosting companies, and the SMB market. Also provides contract consulting through other companies including Intergral and Edgeweb Hosting, and others.

2003-2006 Chief Technology Officer New Atlanta Alpharetta, GA

• Evangelized an enterprise-class software product in the ColdFusion market

2000-2003 Independent Consultant Various clients Washington, DC

Provided troubleshooting, training, and tuning related to ColdFusion

1999-2000 Senior Trainer Fig Leaf Software Washington, DC

• Provided training in ColdFusion for a widely recognized CF training and consulting company

1997-1999 Independent Consultant Various clients Washington, DC

Developed ColdFusion applications for clients in government, military, and commerce

1982-1997 Analyst, DBA, Consultant, Evangelist Various clients Washington, DC

• For 15 years, provided troubleshooting and training related to the mainframe Model 204 DBMS, starting as an Analyst with Computer Business Methods in 1982, including serving for a number of years as sysadmin for the US Dept of State and other government agencies. He then spent 5 years consulting with various federal and defense agencies in DBA activities until becoming a Federal employee in 1991, as sysadmin/DBA for the US Health Care Financing Admin (HCFA, now CMS), and then served in the same role with the Australian Department of Social Security (DSS, now Centrelink), both among the largest databases in the world at the time. After returning to the US, in 1997 he transitioned to web application development and ColdFusion.

Education

- Bachelor of Business Administration, Information Systems, George Washington University (Washington, DC), 1984
- Additional postgraduate studies at Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab (toward Master of Engineering Administration) mid-90's

Noteworthy

- Recognized "Adobe Community Professional" for ColdFusion
- Past member, Adobe ColdFusion Customer Advisory Board
- Presenter of over 150 presentations to hundreds of CF user groups and over 50 CF conferences
- Contributor to all 7 volumes of ColdFusion 8, 9, and 10 Web Application Construction Kit books (Forta, et al), and 5 other CF books
- Writer of over 100 articles for several magazines, including Adobe Dev Center, CF Dev Journal, FusionAuthority Quarterly Update
- Runs Online CF Meetup (coldfusionmeetup.com), online CF user group meeting with 2000+ members
- Runs the UGTV resource (a repository of links to hundreds of hours of recordings of CF presenters), as well as CF411.com, CF911.com
- Details of the above, and an active blog, at http://www.carehart.org