

MIKE SUTTON

CTO | Venture Builder | Technologist

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PROFILE

Mike is a multi-talented entrepreneur, technology leader and software professional with over 30 years of experience in engineering, product, and process management across diverse industries. He's a passionate agile practitioner and has spent 10+ years building, launching and operating startups, giving him a deep understanding of team dynamics, shared values, and the power of diversity in bringing successful products to market.

Known as a "secret agent of joyfulness," Mike specialises in building and leading high-performing engineering teams, as an individual committer and leader, guiding organisations to better delivery aligned with business outcomes, and helping people become better versions of themselves. His track record demonstrates a proven ability to ignite innovation, build thriving communities, and delight customers, making him an invaluable asset to any team or project.

EDUCATION

University of Staffordshire

BSc, Applied Computing
(1996 - 1999)

Birmingham City University

LLM, International Human Rights
(2004 - 2007)

EXPERIENCE

VENTURE BUILDER & CTO.

Wizewerx Ventures | November 2013 - Present (11 years)

Startups launched include:

- amazemeet.com
- amalati.com
- helpbuild.co
- decksender.com
- qvids.co
- fitnessgiving.com
- Built, launched and operated 6 startups
- Fundraised pre-seed
- Built & led high performing teams of developers, designers, marketers
- Built and maintained high availability container PaaS and private cloud for all ventures
- Built and maintained in-house open-source based entire delivery pipeline for Big Data, real time apps with support for AI and machine learning.

TECHNICAL LEAN & AGILE COACH.

Wizewerx Limited | November 2007 - November 2017 (10 years)

Clients included:

- Fidelity Investments
 - Pega Systems
 - Cisco Systems
 - Amdocs
 - Ericsson
 - Polestar Space Applications
 - Skype
 - Maersk
 - BSkyB
 - Banks and building societies
- Worked with over 2000 engineers and management across 150+ teams.
 - Trained engineering teams in Agile Software principles
 - Created and led internal communities of practice
 - Built, trained and mentored teams of Scrum Masters and agile coaches.
 - Coached teams in technical agile practices and overall effective self-organisation
 - Helped build new teams and establish team structures for self-organisation
 - Coached technology executives on agile management, adoption and delivery

DEVELOPER. Various contract and permanent roles

November 1995 - December 2007 (12 years)

Clients/ employers include:

- TUI UK
 - DPD (formerly Geopost)
 - Thames Water
 - LSC Group
 - Royal Bank of Scotland
 - IBM
 - BAE Systems
- Security Cleared Engineer coding in Java, Uniface, Oracle, C++ and VB
 - Built stuff for defence companies.
 - Part of teams that built modern digital systems for some of the biggest utilities and banks.

EXPERTISE

- Building and leading high performing teams.
- Building, launching and leading startups.
- Designing and delivering high quality, high availability online platforms.
- Solving complex business problems with tech.
- Simplifying tech architectures

Technical skills: Ruby on Rails (12 years+), Javascript - Node etc (15+ years) , React (7 years), NextJS(3 years), Database systems (20+ years), Software architecture (20+ years), CI/CD and devops (10+ years).

Languages: English (native), Spanish (conversational)