

Graduate Technical Consultant



Job Description

Job summary

Astun Technology is looking for a talented Graduate Technical Consultant with excellent communication skills to join our Professional Services team. Combining technical excellence with great interpersonal skills, you will play a key role in the delivery of customer facing project work.

Working alongside other consultants in our Professional Services team, you will be involved in a range of tasks that are part of the design, build and operational roll out of the solutions we provide to our customers. The work will be varied, and may include undertaking software installations, system configurations, data imports / exports / transformations, solution development, system testing, troubleshooting and resolution and the maintenance of clear and accurate technical reference documentation.

You will work on a range of interesting delivery projects, from “*data discovery catalogues*” for customers like DEFRA, the Ordnance Survey or Scottish Government, to *online mapping and geospatial* systems for Local Authorities and other public and private sector clients. You may have previous experience in the geospatial sector (e.g. GIS and web mapping), which would be highly desirable but not essential. Projects you work on will vary from small self contained consultancy jobs (a few days) to larger delivery projects (up to 100 days) as part of a multidisciplinary team. You will be working in cloud hosted environments.

The role is home based and you will be able to work remotely from anywhere in the UK. We'll set you up with all the gadgets you need to work effectively from home, including a workstation, multiple monitors, laptop, wireless devices, phone and a webcam. Occasional travel within the UK can be expected from time to time.

Technical expertise

This is an ideal career development opportunity where you can grow and consolidate your technical skills under the mentorship of other technical experts at Astun. Prior experience in *at least three* of the areas listed below would be an advantage with preference for two of those being listed under core.

Core

- SQL databases (preferably PostgreSQL)
 - Geospatial / GIS technologies (e.g. PostGIS, QGIS, GeoServer, OpenLayers, Leaflet)
 - Data ETL
 - Scripting (e.g. Python, Powershell)
 - Web application administration (e.g. IIS, nginx)
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- Data standards / metadata
- Markup languages (XML, XSLT)
- Containerised services & orchestration (e.g. Docker, Kubernetes)
- Version control (e.g. Git)
- Single Sign On (SAML)
- Cloud computing (e.g. AWS, Azure)
- Full stack geospatial development

If you already have a considerable amount of experience in these areas under your belt, then our Technical Consultant vacancy may suit you better. You can find the full job description [here](#).

Skills

Your 'soft skills' and general approach / attitude to work are key. You will need to:

- Be confident in customer facing scenarios with a professional but friendly demeanor
- Have a diligent and conscientious work ethic
- Be quality focussed and take pride in doing a job well
- Have a systematic approach to problem solving
- Be proactive and take ownership where you can
- Be able to articulate technical information in a clear and accessible manner irrespective of the technical expertise of the audience
- Have a collaborative approach to working with others
- Be a person of integrity

Benefits

You will join a varied and experienced team of experts at the UK's leading open source GIS consultancy. Astun prides itself on its empowering, supportive, friendly and flexible culture which offers opportunities to develop and learn new skills.

In addition to a competitive salary (up to £30,000) we offer a company pension, annual bonus and 25 days holiday per year plus Bank Holidays.

We may be a SME, but we think like a larger company. We're a member of the Equality Register and a Living Wage Employer. We were one of the first in our industry to make the SME Climate Commitment.

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You will work remotely from home or a suitable coworking space. Occasional travel to client sites and conference events anywhere in the UK may be required, including where appropriate, overnight stays. In addition, Astun 'company hacks' are held over several days midweek between three and four times per year, where colleagues meet at venues across the UK to collaborate on work projects and socialise informally in the evening. A valid UK driving licence is not essential, but would be beneficial.

The role is intended as a full time post. However, consideration will be given to applicants interested in a part time role.

All employees are BPSS checked on commencement of employment.

Application details

If you would like to apply for this position please send your CV and covering letter to **jobs@astuntechnology.com** with 3 reasons why you would be perfect for this position. If you already have contacts who work at Astun, please still apply via the *jobs@* address to ensure that all applications are treated equally, fairly and in line with our recruitment policies.

This is a direct appointment - NO AGENCIES PLEASE
