

Job Description

Video introduction

For an initial insight into the role take a look at the [introductory video](#) on our YouTube channel.

Job summary

Astun Technology is looking for a talented Metadata 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.

Reporting directly to Astun's Metadata Lead within the Professional Services team, you will have the opportunity to work for customers such as DEFRA, Ordnance Survey, Scottish Government and numerous local authorities.

The role will be varied, combining activities that contribute to the smooth running of the cloud-hosted data discovery platforms that Astun manage on behalf of our clients, alongside customer-facing professional service work. Examples of the latter include customising or configuring the platform to support customer-specific business processes, requirements and workflows, developing data import tools for automating the process of populating catalogues with metadata records, or undertaking knowledge transfer activities that improve customer understanding of the data discovery platform and its potential.

The ideal candidate may already have experience of working with metadata/data discovery catalogues and platforms. However, enthusiasm and eagerness to learn are equally important, and the role provides the opportunity for a good technical 'all rounder' to develop highly valued, transferable specialist skills in a field that is becoming increasingly important across a wide range of industries.

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, including a workstation, multiple monitors, laptop, wireless devices, phone and a webcam. Occasional travel within the UK can be expected from time to time.

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Key areas of responsibility

The Metadata Consultant will, under the guidance of the Metadata Lead, be responsible for:

- Day to day support and maintenance of Astun's suite of data discovery platforms
- Customer support
- Assistance with bespoke customer requests such as metadata transfers and imports
- Suggesting improvements to the Astun platform based on new functionality, or new best practice guidance
- Managing upgrades to the platform
- Integrating security fixes

Skills and experience

Skills that will be key to the success of the role include basic familiarity with:

- Reading source code
- Xml, xpath and xsl
- Containerised deployment solutions such as docker

The Metadata Consultant will also need to be familiar with:

- Version control systems such as Git
- Open source software development on platforms such as GitHub
- Relational databases and SQL
- Problem-solving and debugging software and data issues
- Working on the command line, whether for connecting to remote servers or working with software
- Metadata and related standards

As this is a customer-facing role, it's essential that the Metadata Consultant acts with integrity. They should take a systemic approach to solving problems and be capable of communicating technical information to clients with varying levels of technical expertise. In addition, they should also be:

- Confident, friendly and professional
 - Proactive in customer and community-facing scenarios
 - Diligent, conscientious and quality focussed
 - Happy to take ownership, where possible
 - Collaborative
 - Keen to expand their knowledge of software and the wider data discovery environment
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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 from £25,000 to £40,000 (subject to experience), we offer a company pension, annual bonus, life insurance (2x salary) 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.

Additional information

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 a 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
