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	Spanish:	Good
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The Past

`What is the use of a book,' thought Alice, `without pictures or conversations?' (Lewis Carroll, Alice in Wonderland)

Being **introduced to computers at a very early stage** (At the age of nine, I put my first steps in Basic programming, using the Sinclair ZX 81 and audio tapes as backup media), they practically never left my life –never will either, I guess-.

I have enjoyed a **scientifically oriented education**, but after two years at the university, at the age of 19, I started travelling and working abroad. I worked in the Mediterranean as a sports instructor, taught computer sciences, physics, math, English and (South American) Spanish in a college in Bolivia and ran a commercial weaving project for local women in a rural area.

In 1997, I returned and **founded a company**, got the MS Windows NT 4.0 MCP certification (succeeding with 94.5%) and started working as a freelance network administrator and analyst-programmer. These last years, I have acquired lots of additional knowledge through self study and experience, following additional courses when needed.

College:	ASO - Wetenschappelijke A	St. Jan Berchmanscollege Westmalle
University:	Candidate Civil engineering	Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
Suppl.:	MCP Windows NT 4.0	Flexcom Mechelen
Courses:	Business Logic & Accountancy	Unit 4 Antwerpen (1999 - 3 days)
	ADSL installations	Planetinternet Antwerpen (1999 - 1 day)
	Network Storage Systems	Delta Link Mechelen (1999 - 1 day)
	Object and component based software engineering and UML	ABIS Leuven (2000 - 3 days)
	Programming .Net with C#	Guidance Brussel (2002 - 4 days)
	OO, the UML and MS Visio	Guidance Brussel (2002 - 5 days)
	XML Web Services with C#	Guidance Brussel (2003 - 3 days)
	MS Sharepoint Portal Products	u2u Brussel (2003 - 5 days)

Trouble brings experience, and experience brings wisdom (proverb)

The first years, I carried the responsibility for the computer networks, custom developments and general IT policy of several small businesses in Antwerp and Brussels (5 – 50 workstations). No need to say that, as much as I may have known about computers; running a business, communicating with seasoned colleagues as well as novice users, finishing projects and getting clients satisfied was a whole new experience.

The need to specialize –and my personal interests- made me gradually turn back to my roots and by the end of the year 2000, I ended all SME contracts and focused solely on developing database and administrative applications using Microsoft technologies (such as ASP, Visual Basic, SQL server and later .Net).

To give an idea of the value I can represent for your company, I include a representative but not exhaustive list of projects.

groenestroom.vreg.be   (Trading platform for Belgian and European Green Certificates)

Function:	Analyst, Developer
Tool:	ASP, VB, SQL Server
Duration:	2 months (apr - may 2004)
Description:	Extending the platform to support new developments in Belgian law ("openbaredienstverplichting ter bevordering van de elektriciteitsopwekking in kwalitatieve warmtekrachtinstallaties")

Cirfs   (The International Rayon and Synthetic Fibres Committee)

Function:	Analyst, Developer
Tool:	C#, Windows Forms, SQL Server
Duration:	2 months (feb - mar 2004)
Description:	Analysing and developing a data analysis tool that allows member production data to be imported, formatted and exported. A separate interface was also developed in order to execute real time queries when specific information is needed.

www.tiscali.be   (European Internet Communication Company)

Function:	Analyst, Database Developer
Tool:	SQL Server, ASP
Duration:	3 months (nov 2003 - jan 2004)
Description:	Technical support for the migration of and communication to former Wanadoo users while they were being transferred to the Tiscali system. This included setting up a migration website and debugging / transforming data structures.

www.telenet.be   (Fastest broadband provider in Belgium)

Function:	Analyst, Developer
Tool:	Tridion Content Management System, Visual Basic 6.0, COM+, VbScript, XML, XSLT, XPath, Web Services, PHP, Oracle Database

Duration:	7 months (apr - oct 2003)
Description:	Implementation of the Tridion CMS for managing the different Telenet internet and intranet sites. With the project, a series of integrations and a reasonable amount of custom development was developed on several platforms (Windows, Unix and Linux).

www.unicover.be   (unique insurance concept by de Europese)

Function:	Analyst, Developer
Tool:	ASP.Net, C# (Analyst, Developer)
Duration:	3 months (jan - mar 2003)
Description:	development from the ground up, including contact with the end user and partial testing. The unicover site includes a public front end, allowing customers (registration required) to order incident based insurance packages and manage their account, policies and claims online and a backend with a certain degree of integration with the insurance company's administration system.

www.register.be   (biggest independent Belgian registrar)

Function:	Analyst, Developer
Tool:	ASP, VB Components, SQL server 2000 back-end
Duration:	6 months (jul-aug 2001 / sept-dec 2002)
Description:	scalability analysis, internationalization of services. The register.be database was completely redesigned to support better scalability and allow easy implementation of third party comunication, such as DNS registrar interfaces and affiliate programs.

Digipoint   (Digital Communication Company)

Function:	Analyst, Developer, Project manager
Tool:	ASP, VB Components, .Net, C#, WinForms, SQL server back-end
Duration:	6 months (feb 2002 – july 2002)
Description:	analysis and development on different databases and front ends (including public web projects such as www.tmab.be, www.eubelius.be and www.opbrussel.be)

www.mobileweb.be (the first Belgian online SMS broadcast service)

Function:	Analyst, Developer
Tool:	ASP, .Net Web Services, SQL server back-end
Duration:	3 months (nov 2001 – jan 2002)
Description:	analysis and development; involvement from the start MobileWeb is an SMS community website, dedicated to bringing the most diverse classes of online SMS functionality to the internet. Together with the in-house lead developer, I analyzed the needs, designed the database and application architecture, and developed the website.

www.advalvas.be (the most important independent Belgian portal)

Function: Analyst, Developer
Tool: ASP, SQL server back-end
Duration: 3 weeks (sep 2001)
Description: back office automation, supporting the turn around management

www.telito.com (job referral website)

Function: Analyst, Developer
Tool: ASP, SQL server back-end
Duration: 4 months (mar-jul 2001)
Description: General IT responsibility, back office automation, analytic reporting

ADK Sneltransport (Express transportation)

Function: Project manager, Developer
Tool: Visual Basic, back-end Access
Duration: 2 months (jul-aug 2000); extra development in oct 2001
Description: Planning, cost calculation and invoicing

Flexidoor (Distribution and installation of sectional garage doors for the industrial sector)

Function: Project manager, Developer
Tool: Visual Basic, back-end partly Access database, partly SQL server
Duration: 2 months (jan-feb 2000)
Description: administration of orders, installed base, warranty contracts, …

Knowledge

I **provided solutions** for companies in different environments (distribution, production, accountancy, insurance, …) and have hands-on experience with these **technologies**:

Technology	Used since	Exp.
Administration:		
- Windows 9x, NT WS, NT Server, MS SBS 4.5	04/1998	(disc.)
Windows 2000 Pro, 2000 Server, SBS 2000	release date	5y (+++)
- Microsoft Exchange Server 5.0, 5.5, 2000	09/1998	6y (++)
- Microsoft IIS 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0	09/1998	6y (+++)
- Microsoft SQL Server 6.0, 7.0, 2000	01/2000	4y (++++)
Software / Website Design and Development		
- Basic, QuickBasic	01/1985	(disc.)
- (Turbo)Pascal	09/1989	(disc.)
- C++	09/1994	(disc.)
- Visual Basic for App. / Access 97-2000	04/1998	6y (+++)
- Visual Basic 5.0, 6.0	04/1998	6y (++++)
- COM, COM+	08/2000	4y (+++)
- HTML, JavaScript	09/1998	6y (++++)
- CSS	06/1999	5y (++++)
- DHTML	06/1999	5y (++)
- ASP, VBScript, Visual InterDev	11/1999	4y (++++)
- SQL Server Programming	01/2000	4y (++++)
- Oracle development	01/2001	3y (++)
- XML, XSL, XPath	05/2001	3y (+++)
- Visual Studio.NET, C#, WinForms	11/2001	2y (+++)
- ASP.NET, .Net Web Services	11/2001	2y (+++)
General:		
- Networking: TCP/IP, IPX/SPX, NetBeui - Coax, UTP		
- Graphic design: Adobe Photoshop, Macromedia Flash, MM Fireworks, …		

Skills

More than once, I have received the remark that not just the technical abilities summarized in the previous paragraph, but also an **analytical mind** and the way of 'asking the right questions', are my most valuable assets.
This allows me to not only quickly and systematically deal with programming and troubleshooting issues, but at the same time keep an eye on the project goals and proactively suggest alterations or improvements to the general design.

On the other hand, over the last years I have had the opportunity to cultivate my **communicative skills** with customers (decision makers and end-users) and colleagues, which results in the ability to discuss analysis, design and programming topics on different levels and integrate separate viewpoints. Naturally this helps me being very productive in teams as well as keep a clear view of the objectives on projects where more independence is required.

Personally however, I consider the successful completion of past developments the result of my willingness to listen and eagerness to learn. This has made me build up my current experience, learning from the best and worst parts of each one of those projects.