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Introduction

Ruud started programming as an 11-year-old kid with QBasic and quickly moved on to Pascal and later C++, creating all kinds of software and games on the way. After being introduced to the internet in 1996, it didn't take long for his first freelance web projects to be realized. Before even turning 17, he was working full-time as a web developer for an internet company.

Today, over twelve years later, Ruud has evolved into a multidisciplinary software engineer with a focus on web development, mostly on Microsoft platforms.

Besides being a software engineer, he is also running ParTech IT; a contracting agency that specializes exclusively in the secondment and training of Sitecore specialists.

Together with his business partner, who is also a very skilled software engineer, they pass on their experience to their employees so they are able to provide more customers with their high quality services.

Specialism and relevant experience

1. Specialized in

Technique	Since
ASP.NET (1.1 – 4.5)	2003
C#	2003
Sitecore *(MVP since 2013, see section Awards)*	2004
MS-SQL	2001
HTML / CSS	1998
JavaScript	1998
jQuery	2006

2. Highly experienced in

Technique	Since
MVC.NET	2009
PHP	2000
C++	1999
MySQL	2000
NHibernate	2010
IIS	2000

3. Experience with

Technique	Since
Lucene.NET	2012
iOS Development *(Objective C)*	2011
EPiServer	2013
Drupal	2009
Smartsite	2003
Game development	1995

Tools that are frequently used by Ruud:

- Visual Studio 2012 / 2010
- dotPeek / Reflector
- FireBug
- Versioncontrol: Git, SVN, TFS
- Notepad++
- TeamCity
- SoapUI
- Total Commander
- SQL Server Management Studio
- Sitecore Rocks
- Photoshop
- StyleCop

Work Experience

January 2012 until now

Managing Director
Senior Sitecore / .NET Consultant
at ParTech IT B.V.

ParTech is the only dutch contracting agency that specializes exclusively on secondment and training of Sitecore developers and consultants. Together with his business partner Ruud is responsible for the company's management and he also work as a developer and consultant himself.

At ParTech IT Ruud has worked for:
- eFocus (full-service internet agency)
- Caesar Groep

August 2011 until now

Freelance Software Engineer
DotTech B.V.

After Stribe was shut down, Ruud started working as freelance software engineer under the name DotTech. Companies can hire him for any of his skills, but he specializes in Sitecore and .NET and that's what he is usually asked for.

During the first year he has worked for:
- eFocus (full-service internet agency)
- Computer Futures
- Mariagerfjord Kommune (Denmark)
- Frontmedia (UK)
- Digital material
- A2Concepts

January 2010 until July 2011

Managing Director / Senior Software Engineer
at Stribe B.V.

Stribe was an internet startup that Ruud started together with a good friend and the help of an investor. They developed a platform for affiliate-feed-driven websites with a social touch and presented it as a social shopping platform. Although technically the project was a big success, the concept did not have much success commercially and they were forced to shut down.

During this period Ruud has worked together with a development team in Minsk, Belarus. It has taught him a lot about outsourcing projects to eastern Europe which has been a good experience that is being used now by ParTech IT.

January 2003 until January 2010

Senior Software Engineer
at Colours B.V., LECTRIC Group

Ruud has worked for Colours for 7 years, under the following function descriptions:

2003 - 2005: Software Engineer
During this period Ruud started out using a wide variety of techniques and started focusing more on Smartsite along the way. He worked on projects for customers including: Camping, VNG, Bovag, Unique, Thema, ISES, among others.

2005 - 2008 : Senior Software Engineer (Smartsite) / Team Lead
During this period Ruud was the team lead for the development team that worked exclusively on projects based on the Smartsite CMS. His team was responsible for development and support for customers including: De Efteling, 9292ov, Gemeente Purmerend, Schouten & Nelissen, Univé, Hypotheekshop, among others.

2008 - 2010 : Senior Software Engineer (Sitecore)
During this period Ruud has worked exclusively on projects based on the Sitecore CMS and he was responsible for development and support for customers including: RET, KPC Group, FCB, LECTRIC Opleidingen, among others.

October 2002 until December 2002	**PHP engineer** at Solid Technologies A short period during which Ruud developed small websites using PHP. This company was started by a few old colleagues from Switchworld and unfortunately went bankrupt soon after Ruud could join them.
October 2000 until October 2002	**ASP engineer / Web Designer** at Switchworld B.V. Switchworld was a company that created amusement websites with paid access and was among the biggest (if not, the biggest) of their kind in the Netherlands. In Ruud his early Switchworld days, he started out as a web designer who also converted the designs to HTML and quickly evolved into an ASP engineer with the responsibility of extending and maintaining the payment platform which was the core business for this company.
1999 until 2000	**PHP engineer** at LOGO Grafisch Ontwerp During this period Ruud was regularly hired by this graphic design company to help them develop their PHP-driven websites for customers.

Training and exams

2008	**Sitecore 6 - Certified Web Developer** Training and examination by Sitecore

2007	**Job Evaluation Conversations and Assessment Interviews** Training by Schouten & Nelissen

2007	**Time Management** Training by Schouten & Nelissen

2005 - 2006   **Microsoft Certified Application Developer**
- 70-315: Developing web applications with C#
- 70-316: Developing Windows-based applications with C#
- 70-320: Developing XML web services and server components with C#

2005   **Sitecore 4 - Certified Developer**
Training and examination by Sitecore

2003 - 2007   **Smartsite training**
- Smartsite 4.5 - Site Building
- Smartsite 5 - Site Management
- Smartsite 5 - Site Building
- Smartsite 5 - Enterprise Site Building
- Smartsite 5.1 - Advanced Site Building
- Smartsite Content Intelligence Module
- Smartsite Aggregated Search

2003   **C# .NET - basic training**
8 nights of in-company training

2002   **Active Server Pages**
Training and examination by Sitecore

Education

2000 - 2001   **Computer Engineering (Technische Informatica) MBO**
Koning Willem I college, 's-Hertogenbosch **(no diploma)**

1998 - 2000   **MAVO (level D)**
d'Oultremontcollega, Vlijmen **(graduated)**
Subjects:
- Economics
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Dutch
- English
- German

1996 – 1998   **VWO**
d'Oultremontcollega, Vlijmen **(no diploma)**

Awards

2013   In February 2013 Ruud was elected **Sitecore MVP** (Most Valued Professional).
http://www.sitecore.net/Company/News/Press-releases/2013/02/Sitecore-MVPs.aspx

Online references

StackOverflow   Ruud is an active member of StackOverflow where he helps other developers with (mostly) Sitecore related questions:
http://stackoverflow.com/users/181142/ruud-van-falier

ParTech IT blog   Ruud regulary publishes blog posts related to Sitecore on the ParTech IT website:
http://www.partechit.nl/nl/blog

DotTech blog   Before Ruud started blogging on the ParTech website, he used to publish technical posts on his personal blog. That is where you can find his older publications:
http://ruuddottech.blogspot.nl/

GitHub   Some of Ruud's hobby projects are publicly available on GitHub:
https://github.com/Stribe

Offline references

Company   eFocus
Relation   Ruud has worked here as a freelance *Senior Sitecore / .NET developer* for over a year.
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Branch manager

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Company   Caesar Group
Relation   Ruud was the *lead Sitecore / .NET developer* on one of their projects.
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Company   Colours
Relation   *(see work experience)*
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Managing director (back then)

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