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I have been developing software since 1987, filling a number of different roles including Architect, People Manager, Project Manager, Lead Developer and Outside Advisor. What energizes me ? A challenging position where I am able to build on decades of experience in the **creativity** + **technical expertise** + **people ecology** bundle to deliver truly beautiful software.

EXPERIENCE

ARCHITECT

SAP, WALLDORF, GERMANY

Soft skills: Product Owner ; Internal Instructor ; DevOps ; Agile Processes & Scrum.

Hard skills: Cloud Services ; Git & Github ; Jenkins & Travis ; Docker ; Continuous Deployment.

Highlights:

Starting in 2010-2011 in a Product Owner role for a team of ten people that provided tools and services to SAP development teams. As Product Owner, my main task was to define and prioritise the work items (Epics, User Stories, Tasks), within an Agile context, using Scrum.
For the years 2012 - 2019 in a Architect role, my duties were:
- Design, develop and roll-out new software, used internally by hundreds of development teams.
- Contribute to SAP on-going thinking process about the evolution of the technical environment for developer tools. Evaluation of new 3rd party products, as well as migration of existing tools to new architectures.
- Consulting to other development teams, especially on complex projects where our standard tooling was stretched to its limits, and development and delivery of custom solutions was necessary. Those customizations usually took the form of cloud services, using REST apis and web UXs, à la intranet.
- Product Owner for such a cloud based/rest api/web-ux internal product, aimed to enable development teams to take control of their internal and external software dependencies. Software releases that could take several days before were squeezed to a matter of hours.
- During the 2018-2019 years, a significant part of my activity has been training hundreds of SAP developers in a course called "Continuous Integration and DevOps", the name says it all.
Since January 2020 on a pre-retirement program.

November 2010 - December 2019

MANAGER

BUSINESS OBJECTS, PARIS, FRANCE

Soft skills: Managing People ; Managing Customer Escalation ; Rolling out Engineering Processes and Tools, Worldwide.

Hard skills: REST API design ; System Performance Management.

Highlights:

Main driver for the design, development and roll-out of a customer patch release process, called "Cumulative Patch Process". Weekly patch release variance down to 1 day from 1 week.
Leaded design, development and roll-out of a central Build Reporting System, federating a zoo of technologies under a unified UX.

February 2005 - November 2010

TEAM LEAD

UNIMATICA, BOLOGNA, ITALY

Soft skills: Web UXs design; Using and contributing to open source software.

Hard skills: Linux & shell programming ; Java ; Javascript ; HTTP & HTML & CSS ; Web Servers (Tomcat & Websphere) ; Maven ; XML ; Digital Signature.

Highlights:

As employee #2 of Unimatica, tecnical responsible from scratch to delivery of an innovative web-based solution that substituted digital to previously physical signature of students diploma by teachers, reducing bureaucracy and saving time. The product won an innovation award from the Italian Ministry of Industry.

January 2000 - February 2005

CONSULTANT

SELF-EMPLOYED, BOLOGNA, ITALY

Soft skills: Selling myself ; Selling one same software component to multiple customers.

Hard skills: Microsoft APIs and tools ; Game Programming ; Graph Algorithms.

Highlights:

The vast majority of the work I did in those years was with Microsoft APIs and tools.
In particular, we had to escalate a particular bug with a Microsoft API all the way from standard support up to the developers themselves, giving me a good overview of the whole Microsoft support organization. For your records, the eventual fix for the bug was to disable a failing optimization by entering a purposely wrong value for a function parameter! No mystery that "**enter wrong value**" could not be stated in the documentation 😊.

September 1995 - January 2000

PROJECT MANAGER

EUROLOG, MUNICH, GERMANY

Soft skills: Juggling with external contractors ; Juggling with internal politics.

Hard skills: n/a.

July 1993 - July 1995

CODER

DATAID & COMELOG (SOFTWARE HOUSES), PARIS, FRANCE

Soft skills: Humility (being sold to customers as OOP guru after only a few month of self training) ; Team Lead.

Hard skills: Windows & OS/2 SDKs ; C & C++ ; Relational Databases & SQL ; System Integration.

July 1987 - July 1993

SUPPORT TECHNICIAN

ISI (HARDWARE RESELLER), PARIS, FRANCE

Soft skills: The Customer Is Always Right.

Hard skills: Everything (answering a wild variety of questions at the hot-line).

June 1986 - July 1987

EDUCATION

INSEAD, FONTAINEBLEAU, FRANCE

MBA

Finance
January 1992 - December 1992

CENTRE DE FORMATION BULL, MARNE LA VALLEE, FRANCE

PROGRAMMER ANALYST

Warnier Structured Programming
August 1985 - May 1986

ÉCOLE NORMALE DE MUSIQUE DE PARIS

DIPLÔME D'EXÉCUTION

Guitar

September 1978 - June 1982

LYCÉE POINCARÉ, NANCY, FRANCE

CLASSES PRÉPARATOIRES AUX GRANDES ECOLES

Mathématiques supérieures

September 1977 - June 1978

SKILLS

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES & TOOLS

PROCESSES

- ✔ Multi-cultural environment

- ✔ Agile Development & Scrum

LANGUAGES

- French, mother tongue
- English, fluent
- Italian, fluent
- German, basic

INTERESTS

🎸 MUSIC

In addition to being a geek, I am a fine guitar player, with a strong focus on JS Bach music (google for [Thiebaud+Bach](#)).

🚲 BIKE

~ 4000 kms per year, mostly commuting.

📄 FAVOURITE QUOTES

« Why program by hand in 5 days what you can spend 5 years of your life automating ? »
Terence Parr

« So convenient a thing it is to be a reasonable creature, since it enables one to find or make a reason for everything one has a mind to do. »
Benjamin Franklin

« Triple-double-quoted strings behave like double-quoted strings, with the addition that they are multiline, like the triple-single-quoted strings. »
Groovy programming language documentation

« Without the ball, you can't win. »
Johan Cruyff

AWARDS & CERTIFICATIONS

🏆 Business Objects Leadership Award

Business Objects Product Group

Recognition of Leadership

Awarded to:

Christophe Thiebaud

For demonstrating exceptional leadership and making a difference, taking responsibility and setting the right example.

You encourages others to give their opinions, supports their ideas but don't hesitate to raise questions, and explore news ways to get the job done, even if it means more work for you. Congratulations Christophe!

Business Objects
"Making BI Everyone's Everyday Tool"

Senior VP, Product Group
December 06, 2007

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