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Seasoned software professional with over three decades of experience spanning roles as Architect, Product Owner, People Manager, Project Manager, and Lead Developer. Extensive expertise in DevOps practices, Continuous Integration/Deployment, cloud-based solutions, and Agile development methodologies including Scrum, developed through leadership roles at SAP and Business Objects, where I managed cross-functional teams, led the rollout of enterprise-wide tooling and release processes, and trained hundreds of developers. Fluent in English, French, Italian, and conversational in German.



EXPERIENCE

GUEST LECTURER / DOZENT

[DHBW HEILBRONN](#), HEILBRONN, GERMANY

Soft skills: Teaching ; Curriculum Development ; Student Mentoring ; Academic Instruction.

Hard skills: Java Programming ; Advanced Programming Concepts ; Software Engineering Principles.

Highlights:

Teaching "Programmierung I & II (Fortgeschrittene)" - Advanced Programming courses in Java to university students.
Developing comprehensive curriculum and practical exercises for advanced programming concepts.
Mentoring students in software development best practices and industry-standard programming techniques.
Bridging the gap between academic theory and real-world software development experience.

2024 & 2025 (Teaching Modules)

PRE-PENSION

[SAP](#), WALLDORF, GERMANY

January 2020 - December 2024

PRODUCT OWNER / 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:

Product Owner for a team of ten people that provided tools and services to SAP development teams. My main task was to define and prioritise the work items (Epics, User Stories, Tasks), within an Agile context, using Scrum.

Manage the design, development and roll-out of 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.

Liaise with 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 and Manager for cloud based/rest api/web-ux internal product, aimed at enabling 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.

Training hundreds of SAP developers on "Continuous Integration and DevOps".

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:

Led design, development and roll-out of a central Build Reporting System
Directed a team for the roll-out of customer patch release process
Customer escalation management

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, technical responsible from scratch to delivery of an innovative web-based solution that replaced physical signatures with digital signatures of students' diplomas 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 purportedly 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

ÉCOLE NORMALE DE MUSIQUE DE PARIS

DIPLÔME D'EXÉCUTION

Guitar

September 1978 - June 1982

LYCÉE POINCARÉ, NANCY, FRANCE

CLASSES PRÉPARATOIRES AUX GRANDES ÉCOLES

[Mathématiques supérieures](#)

September 1977 - June 1978
