

PROFILE

I'm someone who enjoys working. I'm used to change, to adapt, to negotiate and to accommodate. I'm also used to deliver and I've been doing that on a regular basis. I'm initially optimistic, although I also accept reality. Part of the joy is to imagine solutions and the journey from the problem or situation to its implemented solution. It may or not be a dream, but there will be satisfaction, for the team, for their individual members and for the customers. We'll be proud of our achievements, and we'll make friends of the team that build that project. Regardless of the difficulties, the hard decisions and the sleepless nights. I have vision too. I look forward.

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EXPERIENCE

IT Commercial BANKING Architect •HSBC Continental EUROPE – 08/2008 – now

Following an organisational alignment between Domains and Business lines, and in view that Migrations were no longer necessary at big scale, I moved to Commercial Banking, where I took a Solution Architect position, working on the implementation of Group (HSBC) systems into the fold of the French infrastructure.

I was heavily involved and invested in a big programme, called IT Modernisation, specially working on the implementation of a set of Microservices, which took me to a path of the new technologies, like Cloud, DevOps, SpringBoot, Java, MuleSoft. I took several in-house training courses and soon, I found myself implementing what I had learn and took on the training of our team, to bring them up to speed.

Another project I got involved with was a Business Internet Banking replacement from a legacy CGI based to a React + API system. This is still ongoing, and I was the one that initiated the team training path to React and help them take ownership of the target solution.

RESPONSABLE de DOMAIN (Migration) • HSBC France • 08/2002 – 07/2008

I oversaw all data migration projects related to the HSBC arrival in the French market, following its acquisition of the French CCF group. This Group consisted of 9 smaller banks, which had to be 'migrated' to HSBC systems, taking into consideration the handling of the risk management required by business.

I was managing a team of between 8 and 20 people depending on project at hand.

ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS

Playing chamber Music
Being a father
Travelling with good company
Cinema going
Reading well written books
Going out with Friends
Learning things, anythings.

My main goals during this time were concentrated around Reconciliation (Accounting and Migration), Performance, Validation and Testing. Using languages either from the source (usually COBOL, or C) or the target (usually RPGLE, or Java). We perfected the ETL model, creating a whole framework that has been exported to other HSBC countries as the recommended approach for Core Banking Migrations.

SENIOR DEVLOPER (Migration LEAD) • HSBC UK • 03/1998 - 07/2002

During this period, I was on the European Support Branch of HSBC Systems

My responsibilities included offering support to all European HSBC sites with their IT Infrastructure, Upgrade planning, Installation of new country implementations and Migrations from acquired banks. I was responsible for the implementation of the IT infrastructure for three countries (Belgique, Ireland and Luxembourg) where HSBC started operations.

It just happened that during this time there was a few HSBC acquisitions that required migration from the 'old' to the HSBC systems, and I slowly took that role where they just sent me as Migration Lead. Malta, Athens, Istanbul, Madrid, Bermuda, Vancouver, where some of the destinations I was sent to. Often on long term assignments, (meaning 6+ months) And then, France.

HEAD of DISTANCE LEARNING • FORBES UK • 08/1995 - 03/1998

Having created the Distance Learning systems at Forbes they put me in charge overseeing the operation, which was a new market at the time.

My responsibility was the creation and adaptation of course materials for this new medium. Also I invested in the automation of predictable flow processes, like Test marking, customer enrolment, customer notifications and even client involvement, as for emote assignments.

TRAINER • FORBES UK • 08/1994 - 03/1998

This was a very fulfilling part of my professional career. I just loved teaching programming. Although I have moved on to other roles, one that I do at heart is this one. I love learning, and I love teaching and making sure that I make a difference.

I taught iSeries, RPG, COBOL, Visual Basic and Object Pascal (Delphi). These were also the tools I used to build the Distance Learning module that would later be adopted by the company. It all started as a pet project, put together to show to students, how we could make a difference in people's lives. Opening a distance learning offered the opportunity to learn programming to people that could not attend the courses in person. I am very proud of that pet project.

VIOLINIST- VIOLIN TEACHER 08/1983 - 01/1992

I was professional violinist in different orchestras in Spain, as well as violin teacher on different Conservatories in Spain.

EDUCATION

MUSIC & VIOLIN Profesor • 06/1981 • Conservatorio Municipal de Música, BARCELONA

This was my childhood vocation. It started when I was a kid, and that kept me going in life with a purpose.

COBOL, RPG, MQ, Java etc

During my career, I have many attended courses as part of my ongoing training within the company. All based of the 'need to know' basis.

You may notice on my LinkedIn profile that recently I have grown an appetite for doing courses. Don't be fooled. I've been doing this forever. It's just that I did not do it in LinkedIn. I just love learning new things.

TEAM LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

As ETL expert, for around 12 years I oversaw a team with ETL responsibilities across the whole organisation. The team was made up of between 8 and 20 colleagues. Something I'm proud off is that, after all these years, we still meet on a regular basis to catch up on each other and we have remained friends.