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Curriculum Vitae

Summary

- Expert in Free Software and Open Standards;
- Self-taught software developer; successful academic career as physicist working in interdisciplinary field;
- Entrepreneur with several years of experience in the founding, establishment and growth of an international organisation. Experienced in management of a distributed organisation spanning several countries and cultures;
- Strong mediation skills and good at process facilitation. Proven ability to build consensus in diverse groups with different cultural backgrounds and conflicting interests;
- Proven track record in problem resolution and crisis response;
- Seasoned speaker with excellent interpersonal and communication skills that have been tested addressing a wide variety of audiences. Experienced writer with hundreds of publications and the ability to explain complex subjects to audiences new to the issue;
- Project manager with strong conceptual skills, as well as possessing the ability to effectively translate his ideas into structures while overseeing successful implementation;
- Hard worker with a strong belief in personal initiative and responsibility. Professional team player and fast learner. Commitment to doing the best job possible today, and learning how to do a better job tomorrow.

Specialties Team Building and Management, Consensus Building, Entrepreneur, Facilitation, Project Management, Communication, Writing

Professional Background

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| January 2008–
present | Reviewer , <i>European Commission</i> , Brussels.
Reviewer for QualiPSo project IST-FP6-034763. Strategic analysis and counseling of European Commission and project management regarding project objectives and evaluation of project success. |
| March 2001–
June 2009 | Founder/President , <i>Free Software Foundation Europe</i> , Hamburg/Zürich.
Chairing general assembly. Chief strategist and analyst for policy issues. Representation of the organisation towards United Nations, European Commission, national governments, industry and the media. Coordination of staff and priority projects. |
| 1998–present | Speaker , <i>GNU Project</i> .
Speaking on behalf of the GNU Project and Free Software movement about issues concerning software freedom in business, technology, law, politics, law and strategy. |
| July 2006–
November 2008 | Board member , <i>SELF</i> .
EU FP6 project IST-2005-34595 to develop authoring platform for e-learning based on Free Software and Open Standards. Chair of Legal Experts Group (LEG). Responsible for legal policy, long-term legal strategy, legal sustainability. |

- August 2007–
April 2008 **Technical Programs Manager/Open Standards Specialist**, *Google*, Zürich.
Strategic Consultant / Contractor as Open Standards specialist. Representation of Google on DIS29500 process towards various national standardisation bodies. Member of German (DIN) and Swiss (SNV) standardisation bodies. Coordination of Google's activities for the DIS 29500 Ballot Resolution Meeting (BRM). Technical and strategic analysis and implementation.
- 2003–2008 **Invited expert**, *The World Bank*, Torino.
Teaching at the annual "Procurement of Information Systems in World Bank -financed projects" course for World Bank project managers at the International Training Centre (ITC) of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) in Turin. Half-day seminar about the strategic benefits of Free Software and Open Standards in World Bank financed projects under economic, political, social inclusion and development related aspects. Introduction into business models and best practice discussion.
- January 1999–
June 2006 **Author**, *Brave GNU World*.
Monthly column about the GNU Project and Free Software in general. Analysing effects on and interaction with politics, science and society. Printed in English, German, French, Korean, Japanese, Portuguese.
- 2001–2004 **Board member**, *AGNULA*.
FP5 EU project IST-2005-34879 to build Free Software professional multimedia distribution, laying the foundations for Ubuntu Studio. Responsible for legal sustainability and policy, as well as strategic positioning to ensure maximum usability after project end.
- June 2000–
January 2001 **Software developer**, *ID-PRO GmbH*, Hamburg.
Development of system monitoring software in C++.
- May 1996–
October 1998 **Software developer**, *UKE*, Hamburg.
Development of software to filter, analyse and display data from an Magnetoencephalography (MEG) array in C and C++ on Solaris and GNU/Linux workstations.
- 1998–2000 **Co-Owner**, *Coinstreet Consulting*, Hamburg.
Development, deployment and support of GNU/Linux based solutions, including connectivity, email, web services and workgroup solutions.

IT Skills

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| Operating systems | GNU/Linux user since 1993, experience with software development on GNU/Linux and Solaris |
| Programming languages | Self taught software developer, experience with solutions in Assembler, C, C++, Python, Bash, Lisp |
| System administration | Self taught system administrator, experience administrating Debian GNU/Linux, Ubuntu, SuSE |
| Deployment experience | Experience deploying various Free Software solutions, including components such as Apache, Asterisk, Bacula, ClamAV, CUPS, FreeWRT, Mailman, OpenVPN, OpenWRT, Postfix, Sendmail, Wordpress |

Languages

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| German | native |
| English | near native |
| Portuguese | rudimentary |

Education

- 1995–2001 **Physics**, *University of Hamburg*, Hamburg, *Diplom*.
Topic of special: Biophysics
- 1992–1995 **Physics**, *University of Hamburg*, Hamburg, *Vordiplom*.
Specialisation: Physical Oceanography

Diploma thesis

- Title “*Systematische Problemanalyse der Bildgebung in der Rastersondenmikroskopie (SXM) und anwendungsorientierte Analyse der Anforderungen an die digitale Verarbeitung von SXM-Bildern*”
- Supervisors Prof. H. Siegfried Stiehl, Prof. Roland Wiesendanger
- Description Interdisciplinary work between Computer Science and Physics in the field of nanotechnology on the imaging defects of scanning probe microscopy and potential remedies.

On-line profiles

- LinkedIn <http://www.linkedin.com/in/GeorgGreve>
- XING http://www.xing.com/profile/Georg_Greve
- FSFE <http://fsfe.org/about/greve/>

Selected Recommendations

“At the 2008 IGF in Rio I worked closely with Georg with regard to the promotion of interoperability both with regard to communications and to policy developments in seminars and workshops attended by a variety of stakeholders representing often very divergent positions whether from industry, governments, NGOs or civil society. This often included explaining to governmental representatives the relevance of the European Commission’s anti-trust case against Microsoft to interoperability. Georg has a gift not only for grasping the political significance of often highly technical issues, but he is also able to explain both the policy and technical dimensions to non-specialists notably government officials and politicians. Please note that at the IGF I acted as communications director for a participant, the European Committee for Interoperable Systems (ECIS) on behalf of POD Associates while Georg represented the Free Software Foundation Europe.”

– Elizabeth De Bony, Director, Burson-Marsteller

“I worked with Georg when we hired him as a consultant at Google to make our views known on Microsoft’s attempt to get the document format Office Open XML (OOXML) declared an ISO standard. Georg was incredibly helpful and professional in the work he did with us. He authored many papers and proposals that Google published on this matter: [http://www.odfalliance.org/resources/Google XML Q A \(2\).pdf](http://www.odfalliance.org/resources/Google_XML_Q_A_(2).pdf) and represented Google at International Standards meetings worldwide. He also advised our internal policy teams in Europe and prepared our responses to US state government policy proposals. I would highly recommend Georg for a policy, public relations or government liaison role, or as a lead position in a standards environment. He is persuasive, well connected, and able to articulate complex technical issues in a very clear and concise way to non-technical people. He understands the technical and political issues behind the technology, and is very skilled in working in the public policy arena. Jeremy Allison.”

– Jeremy Allison, Linux Evangelist, Google

“I worked with Georg in the context of the IGF and The Standards Edge conferences. Georg is unique in that he not only understands the dynamics of how technology and policy interplay, but can create opportunities from those dynamics. George is well-spoken, knowledgeable, and passionate—three qualities that allow him to bring about change, even in environments where resistance is high.”

– Sherrie Bolin, President and Founder, Bolin Group

“I’ve worked with Georg over the course of several years on various complex international legal policy issues. He’s a charismatic person who combines great understanding of complex technical and political issues with pragmatism and a willingness to hear the views of others and try to work to find a common solution. He’s a pleasure to work - and a pleasure to know!”

– Nick Ashton-Hart, Principal, Consensus Optimus

“Through many years as head of FSFE, Georg Greve has shown great leadership and initiative. Focused and determined, he has built up the organisation and taken it through both good and bad times with his impressive self-starter capabilities and communication skills. Georg’s decisions are both quick and strategic. He is a natural leader who knows how to take his team along.”

– Karsten Gerloff, Assistant to the President, FSFE

“Georg is brilliant. As President of the FSFE, which he has started from scratch, he has achieved a very well deserved reputation as a great strategist and an outstanding politician (in the good sense of the word) in multi-lateral situations. Competent and knowledgeable. Great Freedom advocate!”

– Carlo Piana, Avvocato, Carlo Piana

“Free Software and Europe - that has always been Georg. From the first time we met years ago, over the years, until now - Georg has always been the role model for promoting the goals that he believes in - Free Software, open society, transparency. He has definitely changed and defined the Free Software ecosystem that is now driving a lot of people and systems all across Europe and far beyond. Combined with his leadership, he made FSF Europe a respected voice that has driven Free Software, its philosophy, its ethics and its power.”

– Jan Wildeboer, Evangelist, Red Hat

“Georg has the ability to bring people together to work towards common objectives. He has a surprising amount of cultural knowledge and quickly builds connections regardless of geographical location. He is capable of meeting challenging deadlines regardless of obstacles, and always brings a can-do attitude to the table.”

– Shane Coughlan, Legal Coordinator, FSFE

“I have worked with Georg as part of our common promotion of Open Standards. I have witnessed that Georg’s outstanding skills and intelligence can be summarized in one word: versatility. Georg has been a major asset in our initiatives as he was able to coordinate very different teams, provide technical expertise (or bring in someone we needed for this very quickly), advise on strategic and communication levels while showing a great political sense. All in all, I’d work again with Georg: it’s been fun, instructive, and we did get the job done, which does not happen with anyone.”

– Charles-Henri Schulz, Owner, Ars Aperta

More recommendations available upon request.