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Profile

I have a genuine interest in programming languages, both theoretically and practically. I often indulge myself in reading source code and documentation like you'd do with a good book. This has over the years given me a broad knowledge base, and I have no problem getting up to speed in any software project.

I can be very focused when needed, and I am able to zero in on what's really important in a project. In addition I usually succeed in thinking ahead and plan for changes and extensions in advance instead of letting such things come as a surprise later on.

When I'm not programming I like to play the Scottish Highland Bagpipes, which I've been doing for more than 30 years. I play and teach in The Murray Pipes & Drums of Gothenburg and I have participated in competitions and events all over Europe. I have a really broad interest in music and I listen to almost anything – though I particularly enjoy interesting ethnical music from far off places and classical opera seria.

Company Background

The only company listed below still in existence is my last employer, **Fronter AS** (http://fronter.com). Fronter's main business is a web based learning platform, which has been successfully sold all over Europe and elsewhere. The company is based in Oslo, Norway and was founded in 1998. In 2009, Fronter was acquired by **Pearson Plc** (http://pearson.com). We have since had close contacts with **eCollege** (http://ecollege.com), our US sister company.

Due to reorganisations, the Swedish development department has been closed down. Because of that, I am now looking for new employment.

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Experience

Software architect, Fronter AS Göteborg (Oslo), jan 2011– (PHP, Python, Shell script, MySQL, MongoDb)
As a part of a small architect team I have worked together with the developer teams to make critical decisions on architecture and design. I have also been driving a move to a more structured environment for our application, introducing a build step, vendor library handling and versioning, controlled testing environment and more. I am currently involved in modernising the core application platform as well as setting up a continuous integration environment and other tools.

Senior developer and Team leader, Fronter AS Göteborg (Oslo), sep 2007–jan 2011 (PHP, MySQL)
I have been working on a number of modules throughout the Fronter release cycle, and I've also done some core development work. Since September 2008 I've also been serving as team leader for the Swedish development team.

System administrator, 32grader AB Göteborg, oct 2006–jan 2008 (PHP, MySQL)
The current Bok & webb was restructured in the fall of 2006. The actual products were taken over by Gleerups Utbildning AB, the number of staff was cut and the company name changed to 32grader AB. I continued to work supporting the web applications I developed earlier, while at the same time porting these to equivalent systems used by Gleerups, as well as doing consulting work for several of our sister companies.

Web developer and system administrator, Bok & webb i Göteborg AB Göteborg, 2001–oct 2006 (PHP, ASP, MySQL)
The business concept of Bok & webb was right from the outset to produce books and web sites for all core subjects in the Swedish upper secondary school (gymnasium). To manage this as quickly as possible I developed a custom CMS and several other web based tools for licensing, reporting, and more. The tools worked well and the company was able to push out 15 complete productions, as well as developing web sites for several productions belonging to our sister company Gleerups Utbildning AB.

Applications programmer, Wordwork AB Göteborg, 1996–2001 (C, C++, Perl, Excel and Word macro language)
I started out developing several internal tools to aid in the localisation of software and documentation. These tools were further developed into the program suite Skribent, which we co-developed together with Norstedts Förlag and later sold off to Wordfinder AB.

Database developer, Evolvera AB Göteborg, 1992–1996 (C, C++, 4th Dimension)
I mainly worked on the company's two bundled products: the business system Struktur and the scheduling application TimeEdit. I also did some consulting, developing official registry applications for two government ombudsmen, DO and HOMO. I also took a major part in the development of a

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complete system for planning and scheduling operations (OFELIA) for the hospital Mölndals sjukhus.

Localizer, Wang Laboratories Inc. Lowell, MA, USA, jan–mar 1993 (VBA)
I worked for a brief period on localising a communications program for the Swedish market. The project was cancelled just a few days before release. This was a very turbulent time for Wang Inc. since the company had recently filed for reorganisation according to chapter 11 under the US bankruptcy laws, and I got an interesting insight into the differences in work security between different countries.

Technical specialist, Microsoft IPG Dublin, Ireland 1990–1992 (Excel and Word macro language)
My main responsibility was to handle the technical parts of the localisation of Microsoft Excel for the Scandinavian market. I also took part in an internal group evaluating and developing localisation tools.

Education

Postgraduate studies in Linguistics, University of Gothenburg, 1989–1990
Myself and a classmate worked on a Nutek project aimed towards developing computer based comprehension tools for people with aphasia. This work was also intended as a base for a PhD dissertation, but I decided to abort that and instead take a job outside academia.

MA in Computational Linguistics, University of Gothenburg, 1989

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Certifications and Courses
• Zend PHP 5.3 Certification (ZEND015958)
• 2 days Scrum Master course with Jutta Eckstein (http://jeckstein.com)

Programming Languages
Excellent skills:
PHP, Python, Ruby, Perl, C, C++

Others:
Java, Javascript, Basic (many different variants), Prolog (different variants), ML and SML (different variants), Common Lisp, Scheme, Erlang, Ada, Pascal, Modula 2, Object C

Code Libraries
PHP: Zend Framework, PEAR (multiple sub-libraries), Smarty, MVC library of my own design, etc.
Ruby: Rails, Merb
C++: Boost (multiple sub-libraries), MFC, etc.

Human Languages
Swedish: Native speaker. Excellent writing and oral skills.
English: Excellent writing and oral skills.
Danish: Good understanding of written and spoken language. Can make myself understood in most contexts.
Norwegian: Good understanding of written and spoken language. Can make myself understood in most contexts.

Referrals
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