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MVP, IT Solutions Specialist (October 2011)



Summary

Long-term Goals	Looking to address issues of interconnected systems security, especially as they pertain to universal access, sustainability and development.
Short-term Career Targets	Systems & network administration, systems security, virtualization technologies, IT consultancy & training, web development and design, SEO & SEM, public speaking, technical writing.

Personal details

Birth date	April 12 th , 1984
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Professional Experience

Oct 2010 Present	IT Spark – your IT adventure! http://www.itspark.ro <ul style="list-style-type: none">Community board memberTechnical writerEvent organizer/speaker	Starting October 2010, I became involved in a young Romanian IT-Pro community called “IT Spark”, that is targeted at entry-level and mid-range IT technicians. I’m part of the community leaderboard, being actively involved with the community-driven content and local (offline) meetings and events.
Apr 2009 Present	Solar VTG / FortressITX http://www.solarvps.com http://www.fortressitx.com http://www.messagewire.com <ul style="list-style-type: none">Level 3 Tech Support SpecialistVirtual Private ServersWindows/Linux System AdministrationHosted Exchange 2007/2010	I’m working with a US-based group of companies (FortressITX / DedicatedNow / Solar Virtualization Technologies Group), offering tech support services on managed and unmanaged VPS/Dedicated servers and Hosted Exchange. I’ve been working with technologies such as Parallels Virtuozzo (Linux/Windows), cPanel/Plesk, XenServer and Microsoft Exchange 2007/2010, offering fully managed Level 3 tech support.
Nov 2007 Present	Transcent Consulting http://www.transcent.ro <ul style="list-style-type: none">IT Consultancy & AuditIT Infrastructure SolutionsTech Support & MaintenanceTraining & technical speakingWeb Development/Design & SEO/SEM	The company is focusing on the local and regional IT market. Having gathered a team of highly skilled professionals, we’re able to provide complete IT solutions, starting from consultancy, going through designing and implementing complex IT infrastructures, to performing tech support and maintenance, delivering training sessions for experts and beginners, and providing web hosting, monitoring and web and application development & design services.
Sep 2007 Present	Microsoft & Microsoft Romania http://www.microsoft.ro <ul style="list-style-type: none">Organizing community eventsTechnical speaking / writingLive webcasts / screencastsMicrosoft Community InfluencerMicrosoft MVP (Virtualization)	As of September 2007, I resumed my collaboration with Microsoft Romania, working with the Microsoft IT Professionals community in Transylvania, organizing community tech events and meetings, participating in seminars and training courses, and doing live webcasts and screencasts on Microsoft technologies. Starting October 1st, 2009, I’ve been awarded the Microsoft MVP (Microsoft Most Valuable Professional) title on Virtualization Technologies (renewed in 2010 and 2011).
Apr 2006 Nov 2007	New Servers, Inc. Hosting http://www.newservers.com <ul style="list-style-type: none">Tech SupportSoftware Install & UpgradesBackup & RecoveryMaintenance and MonitoringSystems security	I used to work as a systems administrator for a hosting company in the US. I dealt with customer services (troubleshooting, installation and upgrade requests), Windows operating system and software administration, security policies and data backup and recovery, providing a full 24/7 administrative coverage along with the rest of the tech support team.
Mar 2004 Jun 2006	Microsoft Academic Program, „Babeş-Bolyai” University, http://www.studentclub.ro/ubb <ul style="list-style-type: none">Web Development & SEOSystems Administration.NET ProgrammingProject ManagementCourses & Seminars	I acquired the Microsoft Student Partner status in the Microsoft Academic Program team at the Babeş-Bolyai University in Cluj. Over the years, I was in charge of the Faculty’s Microsoft Academic Program, and I dealt with presenting technical sessions to the university students and professors, organized and co-organized local and national scale events, which involved tight collaboration with colleagues from other university centers and organizations throughout the country.

Nov 2003 Dec 2005	StoriesUSA Inc. http://www.storiesusa.net <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web Development & SEO/SEM • .NET Programming • Application Architecture • ICONIX Agile Methodology • UML & Design Patterns 	Starting in 2003, I had a project-based collaboration with a company in the US (StoriesUSA, Maryland), having to work in web development. StoriesUSA Inc. later founded a company in Romania, in order to hire more full-time programmers, in late 2004. Right after that I've been contacted and hired, due to my previous performance. I have then started working full-time for them, using technologies such as C#, ASP.NET, MSSQL, XML/XSLT. I was also in charge of the SEO/SEM campaigns for their websites.
Aug 2001 Nov 2003	Freelancer / Team projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web Development • Software Development • Multimedia content • Application Architecture Design • Search Engine Optimization/Marketing 	Planned, lead, implemented and tested web, multimedia and software solutions for different companies / customers in project-based contracts. Attained very good development & application design skills, and a high degree of team-based development experience. Some of the projects were purely commercial (Rentacoder, Elance, etc), while others were contest entries in different programming competitions.
Other activities	Presentations, labs, seminars <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech and presentation skills • In-depth knowledge of topics • Human interaction 	I've organized and held seminars, presentations and demos targeted at students, professors and technical audiences, showcasing the latest technologies and opportunities with themes ranging from Windows Networking & Security, web development, social engineering, next-wave technologies, web standards, web application security and white-hat hacking and penetration testing techniques.

Education

2003 - 2007	"Babeş-Bolyai" University, Cluj-Napoca	Computer Science in English
1999 - 2003	"Liviu Rebreanu" National College, Bistrița	Computer Science
1991 - 1999	"Avram Iancu" School, Bistrița	English - intensive study

Licences, certificates, awards, titles

October 2009	Microsoft Most Valuable Professional (Virtualization)
September 2009	CEE Community Council, IT Pro User Group Lead (Romania)
March 2008	Microsoft Community Influencer
October 2007	Presentations Skills Certification – Media Training Worldwide
June 2007	Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator
May 2005	Microsoft Certified Professional
November 2004	Microsoft Student Partner
June 2002	CAE (Certificate in Advanced English) – Level A

Computer skills

General	Wide overview of computer systems and related technologies
Programming languages	C/C++, Java, C#
Web technologies and skills	XHTML, CSS, JavaScript, AJAX, PHP, ASP.NET, XML/XSLT, jQuery, SEO/SEM
Graphics & photography	Adobe Photoshop/Fireworks, semi-professional photography skills
Systems Administration	Windows/Linux OS installation and maintenance, firewalls & IPS/IDS, internet interfaces & protocols, systems & network security, databases, email/DNS/web servers, virtualization technologies

Contest participations and awards

2000-2006	I have achieved numerous prizes and honorable mentions in local and national phases of competitions such as Computer Science, English, Philosophy and Programming (Siemens, Imagine Cup). I've also won prizes at literary/creative competitions, in the Prose and Essay sections, and had my texts printed in several short-story magazines and online publications. You can contact me for details.
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Skills and Hobbies

Languages	Romanian (native), English (excellent), French (conversational), Italian (conversational)
Personal skills	Adaptable, creative, motivated, self-taught person.
Hobbies	IT security, web standards, chess, Sci-Fi, astronomy, oriental philosophy.

References available upon request.