Europass Curriculum Vitae

Personal information

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Nationality(-ies) Swiss

> Date of birth October 14, 1955

Education

1975-1977

1981-1986

ETH Zürich, Dept. of Physics

EPFL (Federal Institute of Technology at Lausanne) Diploma in electrical engineering. Average 8.27 of 10.

Experience

April 2011-current

February 1994-Mais 2011

Part time work at Solcept AG, Wetzikon

Freelance work for Elexis, an Eclipse based application for all aspects of a 2011-current medical practice. Release manager since February 2011

Senior Software Engineer at Netstal Maschinen AG, CH-8752 Näfels, Switzer-

bring-up of PPC440EPx, PPC405Gpr and PPC403 based controller boards including BSP modifications for vxWorks and u-boot

unit-test infrastructure and daily builds

compile/build infrastructure for a group of about 10 engineers, based on GNU-tools and jam/bjam

glue, ad-hoc macros, utilities for automatically handling bug reports

introduction/customization of vxWorks/Tornado and VisualSlick editor

maintained SUN/Solaris and GNU/Linux servers running samba, distcc, ccache

project leader for the proprietary base IO library (C/C++)

ported in 1995/1996 the control software from PLM to C using a converter Maintained buildbot of the xenomai real-time extension to the Linux kernel Software Engineer, Andreas Fritschy Umwelt-Informatik, CH-8005 Zürich, Switzerland

SQL/Forms development using the Oracle DB Version 6.x and 7.0

responsibilities

2007-2009

February 1991-January 1994 responsibilities maintenance of the VMS server

SW installation and introduction to the customer

• user and developer documentation

January 1987-January 1991

scientific collaborator, ABB Research Center, CH-5200 Baden-Dättwil, Switzerland

 ${\bf responsibilities}$

co-development of a resilient Remote Procedure Call framework called "Alphorn"

• responsible for the porting to new boards (x86) and operating systems (VMS, Unix, MS Dos)

implemented a prototype of a redundant controller system for the Bahn 2000

1985-1986

Rewrote a BASIC program of about 5000 lines into Pascal to command an external IO interface for Claude Durand, dipl. él. ing. EPFL, Ascona

1982-1986

Helped the director Pierre Dupland to introduce information technology in a institution for elder people (EMS La Colline in Chexbres)

1980-1982

Employee at Rubeli-Guigoz, Ecublens. Handled customer commands by phone/mail.

1987-1980

Employee at the Werkzeug-Maschinenfabrik Örlikon-Bührle, Zürich. Price calculation for spare parts, internal order surveillance, participated in the introduction for a IT based order

Languages

Mother tongue(s)

Self-assessment European level $^{(\star)}$

English

French

Spanish

German

Understanding		Speaking		Writing
Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
C2 Proficient	C2 Proficient	C1 Proficient	C1 Proficient	C1 Proficient
user	user	user	user	user
C2 Proficient	C2 Proficient	C1 Proficient	C1 Proficient	C1 Proficient
user	user	user	user	user
C2 Proficient	C2 Proficient	C1 Proficient	C1 Proficient	C1 Proficient
user	user	user	user	user

^(*) Common European Framework of Reference (CEF) level

Computer skills

OS

vxWorks, Linux, Unix, Windows, VMS, moderate administration skills for Linux

Programming
Web design

C/C++, Modula-2, scripting, Shell, Ruby, Python, Tcl, bjam HTML, database, Oracle, MySql

Interests

Outdoor activities

I spend quite some time with my family outdoor. We bike in our valley or make longer tours to Lausanne, Paris or whatever comes to our mind. In the winter we go skiing.

I passed the Cambridge Proficiency with Grade B in June 1981

I lived 6 years in the french speaking part of Switzerland

Community work

Presided for 9 years the local tourist association. Editor of the quarterly review of our village.

Ecology

Since having discovered "The limits of growth" and having seen a lot of poverty in Latin America I strive more and more to live in accordance with "Think globally, act locally".

Free software

I had been a pleasure to be able to tinker with a lot of a spects since - at least for my private needs - I completely migrated from Mac OS to GNU/Linux based systems around 2000.

Personal

Children

Two daughters from my first marriage Manon (5.12.1982) and Amandine (17.10.1987) and Gabriel (1.07.1990) from my wife Gim Gyong-Sug.