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Skills and Goals

Over the years I've done many different jobs and projects, exercising different combinations of skill sets.

- Consulting on computer language design, systems and network design and implementation, and e-mail and spam topics.
- Speaking to business, government, and technical groups on topics from "The domain name system for ISP abuse managers" to "The man with 14,000 messages in his inbox" to "Why did the new ideas in computing dry up after the first 20 years?"
- Programming in C, C++, and other languages, particularly on Unix, BSD, and Linux platforms.
- Designing and building web and e-mail systems, using Apache, perl, PHP, MySQL, qmail, and various other higher and lower level network tools.
- Expert witness in civil and criminal court cases related to patents, software copyright, e-mail, and other technical areas.

To keep this CV to a reasonable length I've left out a lot of the smaller projects, e.g., the distributed networked SQL-based system that analyses and reports the spam that arrives at my network.

Employment

(1987-present) Taughannock Networks (Ta-GONN-ick), Trumansburg, N.Y.

Writer, Lecturer, and Consultant. Wrote or co-authored numerous books including the best-selling *Internet for Dummies* and related titles, with over eight million copies in print. Speaks to many trade and general groups; gave invited talk at the Federal Trade Commission spam forum and authentication summit, International Telecommunications Union WSIS spam conference, Messaging Anti-Abuse Working Group, and the Internet Law and Policy Forum. Testified on spyware for the U.S. Senate Commerce Committee, and consulted extensively with the FTC about the implementation of the CAN SPAM act. Member of Industry Canada Task Force on Spam.

(2005-2006) Blackvine Consulting, G.P., Montreal, Québec.

Partnership doing project consulting to government and industry in Canada. Created an in-depth study on international aspects of Canadian spam for Industry Canada.

(1989-2007) Segue Software, Lexington, Mass.

Co-founded Segue, a NASDAQ listed software company. Initially did DOS to

UNIX re-engineering, including Lotus 1-2-3 for UNIX and the Norton Utilities for UNIX; later Segue became a leading provider of Web and client/server testing software. Was a corporate director and audit committee member until the company merged into Borland Software in 2007.

(1993-96) *Journal of C Language Translation, Cambridge, Mass.*

Edited and published quarterly technical journal about computer language and compiler technology and standards. Contributors included P. J. Plauger, Dennis Ritchie, and many others.

(1984-87) *Javelin Software, Cambridge, Mass.*

One of the authors of Javelin, an award-winning PC modeling and analysis program. Wrote systems and numeric parts of the program, e.g., financial functions, wrote and managed program development building tools and process. Also acted as corporate DP director managing 800 ordering, credit card processing, shipping logistics, etc.

(1979-84) *Interactive Systems Corp., Santa Monica Calif. and Cambridge, Mass.*

Was a principal developer at Interactive, the first commercial UNIX vendor, opened their Boston Technical Office which grew to about 20 employees. Primary kernel architect for IBM's AIX 1.0, wrote the original UNIX C compiler and assembler for AIX, and INfort, the first commercial Fortran 77 system.

Related Activities

(2005-2007) *Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) At-Large Advisory Committee*

One of three North American members of the ALAC. The ALAC is charged with representing the entire Internet community outside the various specific domain communities. With some other new members, he tried to make the ALAC a more effective conduit between Internet users and ICANN.

(2003-present) *IRTF Anti-Spam Research Group*

Chairs the ASRG. He has rechartered the ASRG, established informal contacts with large Internet providers including MAAWG and Open Group, and set up new working groups. ASRG evaluates and experiments with potential anti-spam technology and forward promising ideas to the IETF for standards work.

(1997-present) *Network Abuse Clearing House (abuse.net)*

Operates contact database and complaint forwarding service for Internet users. Currently handles over 50,000 requests per day.

(1997-present) *Coalition Against Unsolicited Commercial Email (CAUCE)*

President of grass-roots organization opposing junk e-mail, with over 13,000 members. In 2006 reorganized CAUCE as a not-for-profit trade association and served as corporate secretary and treasurer, and now president.

(1995-present) *Network manager*

Operates a private network hosting over 300 Internet domains and web sites with over 300,000 web pages, and 500 e-mail users.

(1986-present) *Moderator, comp.compilers usenet group*

Moderates technical interest group on compilers (programs that translate among different computer languages). Estimated readership of 100,000.

Public Service

(1997-2007) *Mayor and Trustee, Village of Trumansburg N.Y.*

Elected member of the governing board of trustees in 1997, and later mayor in 2004 of his village (pop. 1500) in upstate New York. As trustee, served as Water and Sewer Commissioner. Dealt with municipal utilities regulation, notably cable franchise and telecommunication towers. As mayor, supervised village staff of 12 full time and about 40 part time employees.

Publications

Books (incomplete but representative list)

The Internet for Dummies, 11th edition, Wiley Publishing, 2007 (with Carol Baroudi and Margaret Levine Young).

Mobile Internet-mail for Dummies, Wiley Publishing, 2008 (with Michael O'Farrell and others)

Windows Vista: the Complete Reference, Osborne/McGraw Hill, 2007 (with Margaret Levine Young and others).

qmail, 2004, O'Reilly.

Internet Privacy for Dummies, Wiley Publishing, 2002 (with Ray Everett-Church and Margaret Levine Young).

Linkers and Loaders, 2000, Morgan Kaufman/Academic Press.

lex & yacc, 2nd edition, 1993, O'Reilly (with Tony Mason and Doug Brown). Still in print after 15 years.

Programming for Graphics Files in C and C++, 1994, John Wiley.

Understanding Javelin Plus, 1987, Sybex (with M. L. Young and J. M. Young).

Education

Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

B.A., 1975, Computer Science. PhD, 1984, Computer Science, advised by A.J. Perlis. Thesis was *A Data Base System for Small Interactive Computers*.

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