

# Zeno-Anton BÂRZAN

## Objective

I am only available for business proposals and freelance projects regarding technical writing, IT consulting, and related outsourced IT tasks. At the moment I am happily employed as a system administrator, while pursuing my Bachelor of EE degree, and managing a small startup with high goals as a consulting and outsourcing firm. As such, I am not willing to travel abroad for seminar/conference speaking opportunities.

## Technical Proficiencies, Personal Skills

- Experienced senior **system administrator** on Windows-based platforms and Linux-based servers
- Extensive experience working with networking hardware, backup systems, VoIP telephone systems, VPN tunnels
- Familiar with the latest **technology breakthroughs**, able to hand-pick hardware based on performance-vs.-price
- Infrastructure design, implementing IT inventory solutions, auditing, security policies, access systems & PKI
- Excellent **communication skills** (both written and oral) proven by over 150+ articles published and a book
- **Personal skills:** team player, confident, critical-thinker, goal-driven, highly optimistic, ambitious, self-reliant
- Able to study and grasp on the latest concepts, picks up new technologies quickly
- Proven ability to lead a team, motivate others, and handle multiple projects simultaneously

## Experience

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| 2008 – ongoing      | <b>evoline srl</b><br><i>System Administrator / Network Technician</i>  | Tirgu-Mures, Romania |
|                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Managing the IT infrastructure of the company, assuring heightened security and robustness of the network</li> <li>• Configuring existing and new computers and network devices including servers and rack-based server installation</li> <li>• Providing support to colleagues, active helpdesk, network monitoring/troubleshooting, vulnerability scanning</li> <li>• Tracking and managing software licenses, IT inventory, and perform light scripting to perform tasks unattended</li> <li>• Installation of VoIP phones, dealing with access systems, configuring and working with backup systems</li> <li>• Participated in the development of IT operational procedures, infrastructure standards, and company policies</li> </ul> |                      |
| 2006 – ongoing      | <b>Ziff Davis Enterprise / DevShed</b><br><i>Technical Contract Writer / Freelancer</i>   | Hollywood, FL        |
|                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authoring articles on particular topics of my choice that fit into the business model of the company</li> <li>• Article ideas were required to be discussed and approved by the editor-in-chief prior submission</li> <li>• Responsibilities include providing accurate, original/authentic, and correct content throughout articles</li> <li>• All of the content was written and published in American English</li> </ul>  |                      |
| 2010 – own start-up | <b>PrimeRanks IT</b><br><i>Consultant / Project Manager</i>   | Tirgu-Mures, Romania |
|                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Being the co-founder of this small start-up, heavily involved in all kinds of management and administration tasks</li> <li>• Taking part in the design process of the company website, writing business proposals, and marketing tasks</li> <li>• Providing consulting for individuals, non-profit organizations, and companies</li> <li>• Utilizing open-source solutions to meet business needs, reducing overall IT costs</li> <li>• Technical writing on requested IT topics for both online/offline publications</li> </ul>   |                      |

## Education

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>EMTE “Sapientia” University</b></li> </ul>           | Tirgu-Mures, Romania | 2007 – 2011 (est.) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Automation Control &amp; Applied Informatics</li> </ul> |                      |                    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>“Bolyai Farkas” Highschool</b></li> </ul>            | Tirgu-Mures, Romania | 2003 – 2007        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intensive Mathematics &amp; Informatics</li> </ul>      |                      |                    |

## Publications, Accomplishments

Title: "IT Inventory and Resource Management with OCS Inventory NG 1.02"

May 2010

Subtitle: *Eliminate inventorying dilemmas by implementing a free and viable IT Inventory solution*



ISBN: 1849511101.

ISBN 13: 978-1-849511-10-0

Paperback: 260 pages [235mm x 191mm]

Language: English

Published: May 2010

Promotional page:

<http://www.primestuff.net/ocsbook.html>

This book closely follows the style of a practical, hands-on "how to" guide on working with OCS Inventory NG. The step-by-step approach, coupled with the use of visual aids, clear instructions, and real-world examples, makes it a fast-paced book. Upon the completion of this book, you will have the necessary skill set, know-how, and confidence to implement OCS Inventory NG to meet the demanding asset management needs of any organization. Then you can carry on using the book as reference material.

Published over **150+ technical articles** across the network of sites at Developer Shed, covering particular niches such as programming languages, scripting, tutorials, administration, web development, tech guides, hardware reviews, and SEO. For the complete article listing that I have authored, check the following link: <http://primestuff.net/tony.html>

"Business School 2008" – 5 day training (organized by AIESEC MS)

2008. Q3

Covered topics: time management, entrepreneurship, branding, marketing, financial consultancy

## Recommendations, References

Imecs Balázs – IT manager of evoline srl

Bálint Ákos – department manager of evoline srl

James Payne – editor in chief at Ziff Davis Enterprise

Terri Wells – editor, writer at Developer Shed Inc.

Ashwin Shetty – project manager at Packt Publishing

The contact information of the persons listed above is available upon request. Thanks for understanding.

## List of Skills, Software, Technologies, Programming Languages

Microsoft Windows clients (XP, 7), Servers (2003, 2008, R2). Office suites, Adobe products (Dreamweaver, Photoshop, InDesign, Flash). Linux distributions (openSUSE, Fedora, Slackware, Ubuntu, Gentoo, etc.)

Coding languages: C/C++, C#, HTML, VB, CSS, PHP, Java. Shell scripting: bash, perl, WSH, Powershell.

Penetration: nmap (scanner), packet sniffers, vulnerability scanning, SQL injections, backdoors, exploits.

LAMP/XAMPP stack: Linux/Windows, Apache, PHP, MySQL –based suite installation and configuration.

Solid knowledge and familiarity of the following open-source technologies: Bugzilla as a bugtracker tool, Subversion (SVN) revision control system, OTRS for ticketing and incident response/helpdesk system, OCS Inventory NG for inventorying needs, OpenVPN to implement virtual private networks, Cacti, Nagios, OpenNMS network monitoring, TrueCrypt as an on-the-fly encryption solution (esp. for notebooks), Squid as transparent proxy, Amanda/zmanda backup solution, web CMS services: Drupal, Joomla, and so on.

Human languages: Hungarian, Romanian, English.

## Hobbies, Interests, Others

Technical writing, being in touch with business and IT news, tampering with computers, overclocking components, reading a lot—especially social psychology and NLP (neuro-linguistic programming). Business analysis, marketing, advertising, consulting. Going out with friends, having fun, I'm a very social person.

Driving. I own a full **B category** drivers' license. Over 40,000 kilometers driven.

*"Greatness, combined with the hint of a 24-carat lifestyle, is within all of us striving to make it through, craving for attention, and in the end, recognition, leaving a record worthy of biography on forging success stories." – own quote*