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Condensed *Curriculum Vitae*

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Currently

I'm writing computer articles, installing & maintaining individual systems (often servers based on Linux), & handing out individual training in specific software systems. I also maintain a few web sites & provide business-critical support for some small businesses.

I have a reasonably good grasp of Internet principles, to routinely build & deploy name, web & email servers, SQL databases, backup systems, etc, securely. This includes NAT, port-forwarding, Virtual Services & VPNs. In less-technical areas, I teach people to use fundamental tools like office suites, email & news programs, web browsers, graphics tools, sound, file managers etc.

Employment

I started as a technician with a West Perth microcomputer retail store in 1980, & have worked as a programmer, technician &/or tutor in a variety of situations since; **examples:**

- From 1987 to '94, worked in all of the above categories for ChiroSoft in Rockingham, WA, re-building a vertical market package for chiropractors on FoxBase, C & x86 asm. Installed & maintained systems all over Aus & NZ in person or by 'phone. They were later bought, & aren't related to a current "ChiroSoft" name.
- In 1986, wrote a screen interface system for MPW Rural Development on a KayPro II & CP/M-80 2.2 using M80 assembler.
- In 1984, installed & modified Palette CAD software on DEC (digital) PDP-11 & MicroVax using ForTran-77 & DEC Indirect, for a large mining company.
- In '96, made/modified Ingres reports on SCO Unix for Diamond State Data Services.
- In '95 & '96, in absence of local work, ran a street mail contract in Mt Barker, WA.
- In '97 through '99 I did piece-work like installing Windows 3.11(!), 95 & 98 software & drivers, modifying websites & net services, instructing in applications & utilities. I also wrote tools & have made or made several Open Source software packages.
- In 2000-'11 I run CyberKnights Pty Ltd: installation, maintenance, programming & consultancy to businesses mostly in the Perth metropolitan area, mostly small businesses but also some manufacturers & reasonably-sized service industries. In February 2006, a traffic accident took me out of work for 8 months. I've been slowly & steadily returning to work as it becomes available.

I have worked as a purchasing officer for a steel firm, delivery driver, country postman, sound technician, disc jockey, farmhand, electrical installer, newsletter editor, bulldozer driver & auto mechanic. I am always willing to turn my hand to something new.

Education

- To tertiary admission at Geraldton Senior High School, TAE aggregate of 358.7 (University of Western Australia scale).
- Business skills development via New Enterprise Scheme (now NEIS) Small Business.
- Personal development through Sabre Training (Dwellingup, integ. w/another co.).
- Personal communications development through Cannon Communications, later Robbins-Madanes, John Assaraf & others.

Future

Thank you for taking the trouble to read this. If you have the time, please consider responding with feedback. If I can make my words more useful, well & good. If anything is unclear, or not specified, please ask.

I live in Albany, Western Australia. I am willing to travel (for example, I'm in Melbourne as I write this in 2008, after passing through Adelaide, & will visit Sydney on this trip, have worked in Broome, Hedland, Hobart, Cairns, Kalgoorlie, Brisbane, Albany, The Alice, Canberra, etc, however wish to remain in Western Australia for now).

Cheers; Leon