



CV - Kent Nordström

Description: CV of one of XP Services AB's consultants.

Summary: Kent is mostly famous for his ability to combine deep technical skill with pedagogical skill. He can communicate with both CEO's as well as IT-technician's.

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1. Personal

Kent Nordström, born 1964, lives in the small town of Söderhamn situated 250 km north of Stockholm in Sweden.

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Civil Training

Kent originally was educated as a chemist and then studied process programming at University in Sundsvall. His interest with computers started early and already in 1979 Kent wrote his first lines of code.

During his career he has always tried to improve himself, so in the beginning of the 90's he studied both law and finance parallel to working.

In 1997 he got his first MCP title and in 1999-2000 he was the first in world to become MCSE on Windows 2000.

Military Training

During his military training Kent was working as a safety engineer with expertise in ABC-weapons. Kent was offered a spot as chief safety officer at the Swedish military hospital sent to Saudi Arabia during the Kuwait war. Due to the current work and family situation Kent had to decline that offer.

Sports & Hobbies

Kent was between 13-28 an elite player in miniature golf, a career he ended when his first child was born and made it hard to combine the training and traveling with family life.

During his school years Kent was also playing chess on national level. This interest changed later to bridge which he also played on national level for many years.

Today his primary hobby is golf, which he tries to get time for as often as possible.

2. Professional

As a youngster Kent worked holidays and weekends trying out a lot of different occupations both in health care and within the industry.

Directly after finishing his military training Kent was offered a job at Termap AB. Termap mainly developed and manufactured anti-corrosive

plastic constructions for paper and pulp industry. Kent worked at Termap for 6 years as, costing engineer, purchasing manager and IT manager. During the recession in the beginning of the 90's Termap bankrupted and Kent was forced to try something new.

1995-1996 Kent started a few companies trying to figure out what to do. The most interesting effort was when he started a company with the idea that house brokers should use Internet to find customers. Apparently Kent was just a few years ahead of reality and no house brokers in Sweden could at that point understand what good Internet would be to them.

1997 Kent started his teaching career. He started working as high school teacher in Ljusdal teaching math and chemistry. A short but very important career since this opened up his interest in pedagogical questions. An interest he kept with him since.

In the end of 1997 Kent started teaching computers and IT at Konfac in Söderhamn, this was the starting point of the career that still continues.

In 1999 Kent became an MCT (Microsoft Certified Trainer) and started as a trainer at a Swedish CTEC (Microsoft Certified Technical Education Center) called NetCenter. This was also when Kent started his stage appearances. Kent was working with Microsoft during the launch of Windows 2000 and was involved in many stage presentations and other work related to the release of Windows 2000.

In 2000 NetCenter was merged with another company forming a new company with a working environment that Kent did not like. He resigned and was immediately head-hunted as divisional manager at Linq. Linq was one of these fast growing IT companies that were supposed to make everyone working their millionaires. Unfortunately Linq was one of the companies that didn't make it and it bankrupted in 2001.

When starting at Linq Kent brought with him a colleague from NetCenter, Marcus Olsson. When things started to look bad at Linq, Kent and Marcus founded XP Services AB (<http://xpservices.se>), a company at which they still, after more than 10 years, are working together as consultants and trainers.

In the beginning training was a huge part of XP Services business, but today consultancy is the major part with about 75%. XP Services has always been a profitable company and Kent and Marcus are considered two of the most senior consultants in the world in their respective fields.

3. References

Below is a small selection of assignments Kent has had throughout the years working for XP Services.

Microsoft Consulting Services

For many years Kent has worked as sub-contractor to Microsoft Consulting Services. Today he is considered an invaluable resource at MCS in areas like PKI and IdM.

University of Gothenburg

Kent has worked closely with University of Gothenburg for more than 10 years.

The first contact was with the School of Business, Economics and Law where Kent was responsible for the design and implementation of the Microsoft platform in the beginning of the century.

One of the latest assignments is implementing FIM (Forefront Identity Management) and UAG (Unified Access Gateway) with Direct Access.

Lund University

Kent has designed and implemented the IdM solution based on MIIS/ILM responsible for managing more than 200,000 objects at LU (Lund University).

He has also designed and implemented the TMG (Threat Management Gateway) solution responsible for protecting the email system at LU.

City of Stockholm

When the city of Stockholm needed assistance to design a new Active Directory they turned to Kent for guidance. This is the largest AD in Sweden with more than one million users in scope.

Multinational Companies

Kent has worked with many of Sweden's largest multinational companies. The work has mainly been around IdM and PKI for the last 5 years, and before that it was mainly AD design.

4. Areas of Expertise

Below is selection of the products and areas where Kent is known to have world class expertise.

Identity Management

Since 2006 a large part of Kent's work is related to the Microsoft IdM products MIIS/ILM and FIM.

He was among the first in the world helping customers implement the new version FIM when it was released.

Kent is one of few consultants in the world working with both "standard" IM (Identity Management) and CM (Certificate Management) covering the complete offering in ILM and FIM.

Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)

Kent is considered one of the most senior PKI consultants in Sweden. He has been involved in many of the PKI designs at Sweden's largest companies and organizations.

ISA & TMG

Kent has worked tightly with the development team with every version of ISA Server and later TMG Server. He has been seen on international stages at TechEd and IT-Forum as well as national stages like TechDays. Kent is considered one of the world's leading experts on ISA and TMG.

UAG

Being one of the first to work with UAG when it was released, combined with his long history working with ISA/TMG, Kent is considered the most senior UAG consultant in Sweden by many customers.

As a trainer he has taught almost all the classes around UAG in Sweden.

Active Directory (AD)

Since Kent was among the first in the world working with Windows 2000, he was also among the first to work with AD. His experience with Novell Directories made it easy for him to adopt this new thinking when designing Microsoft based solutions.

5. Certifications

To get an updated list, of all the Microsoft Certifications Kent holds at the moment, please visit.

<http://microsoft.com/learning/mcp/transcripts>

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