

➤ Personal Information

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➤ Quick Summary

As a consultant I have more than 10 years of experience in the Information Technology Industry. My skillset has grown over the years from a **.NET Developer** towards a **.NET Software Architect and Solution Architect** with a strong focus on improving code quality in larger enterprise development teams. I want to excel in finding solutions that support the entire application lifecycle. Managing the Application Lifecycle with Team Foundation Server has become my main objective and since April 1, 2009 I became the only Microsoft [Team System MVP](#) in Belgium. As a User Group Lead of the Visual Studio User Group (<http://www.visug.be>) in Belgium I'm also heavily involved in the Belgian Developer's Community.

In **July 2009**, I decided to found Sparkles (<http://www.sparkles.be>) to offer dedicated high quality consultancy services on managing the Application Lifecycle with Visual Studio Team System and Team Foundation Server. As of September 2009, I'm also recognized as a **Certified Scrum Master**.

➤ Education

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium [1995-2000]
Faculty of Economics and Applied Economics

- *Licentiate Degree in Applied Economics [1995-1999]*
Option Informatics [1997-1999] (Passed with distinction)
- *Complementary Studies in Management Informatics [1999-2000]*

➤ Languages

	Speaking	Reading	Writing
Dutch	<i>Mother tongue</i>	<i>Mother tongue</i>	<i>Mother tongue</i>
French	<i>Good knowledge</i>	<i>Fluent</i>	<i>Fluent</i>
English	<i>Fluent</i>	<i>Fluent</i>	<i>Fluent</i>

➤ **Knowledge**

1. Programming languages

C#, ASP.NET, WCF, WPF
HTML, JavaScript, SQL (T-SQL, PL-SQL), XML, XSLT

2. .NET Framework

.NET Framework v1.1 – v2.0 – v3.0 – v3.5 – v4.0

3. MS Office-tools

Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, Outlook, Project

4. (Web-)development-tools

Visual Studio Team System 2005/2008/2010
Visual Studio Team Foundation Server 2005/2008/2010
Compuware DevPartner Studio
NUnit, NCover, Sandcastle, ReSharper, Reflector, DotTrace
IIS, XML Spy, TOAD (tool for Oracle Application Developers)

5. Reporting tools

SQL Server Reporting Services

6. Databases

MS SQL Server 2000/2005/2008, Oracle, DB2

7. Project Management

MSF Agile, Scrum

➤ **Training – Certification - Events**

Certified Scrum Master since September 2009

MVP Team System since April 1, 2009

Renewed as a Visual Studio ALM MVP in 2010 and 2011

<https://mvp.support.microsoft.com/profile/Pieter.Gheysens>

.NET Design Master Class with Dino Esposito (October 2009)

IDesign Architect's Master Class with Juval Löwy (April 2008)

Microsoft Certified Professional (MCP ID# = 2234389) since February 2001

Check my qualifications at <http://www.microsoft.com/learning/mcp/transcripts>
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Exam 70-510: Visual Studio Team Foundation Server (February 2008)

Microsoft Certified Solution Developer (MCSD) since July 2001

Exam 70-152; Exam 70-175; Exam 70-176; Exam 70-100

Microsoft Certified Solution Developer (MCSD) for .NET since February 2005

Exam 70-306; Exam 70-305; Exam 70-310; Exam 70-229; Exam 70-300

Attendance of PDC 2008 (Los Angeles)

Attendance of Dev & IT Pro Days 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008

Attendance of TechEd Europe 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2010

➤ Work Experience

	Period	Function
Compuware Belgium	2000 – 2005	Consultant
Compuware Belgium	2005 – June 2009	.NET Team Lead
Sparkles	July 2009 - ...	Founder

In April 2009 I founded Sparkles, my own company, to focus 100% on ALM solutions based on Team Foundation Server. My assignments started in July 2009 and range from long-term engagements at a client to short-term consultancy activities. Sparkles also organizes advanced training courses with international experts on different topics in the software development area.



Team Foundation Server Expert (July 2009 - ...)

As a product expert for Team Foundation Server I performed several short-term consultancy assignments at different customers in Belgium.

- Team Foundation Server Expert at SD Worx
- Team Foundation Server Expert at ING
- Team Foundation Server Expert at AXA
- Team Foundation Server Expert at Getronics
- Team Foundation Server Expert at Financial Architects
- Team Foundation Server Expert at Transics
- Team Foundation Server Expert at StepOne
- Team Foundation Server Expert at HUB
- Team Foundation Server Expert at Software Developments
- Team Foundation Server Expert at Adam Software
- Team Foundation Server Expert at LambdaPlus
- Team Foundation Server Expert at Stater
- Team Foundation Server Expert for Microsoft Consultancy Services Belgium
 - AXA Bank Belgium
 - BNP-Paribas Fortis
- Trainer for KBC Belgium (Application Lifecycle Management with VS2010)
- Trainer for Microsoft Belgium (workshops on Software Testing with VS2010)

As consultant and .NET Team Lead for Compuware Belgium I performed different roles within the Compuware Professional Services Division :

Internal assignments :

Team Lead Compuware Belgium .NET Team (January 2005 – June 2009)

- Coaching of .NET Developers
- Follow-up of consultants at clients + evaluation
- Responsible for technical review process at Compuware
- Responsible for technical interviews at Compuware for new employees
- Responsible for global and individual training plan of consultants
- Defining global .NET Business Plan in coordination with Account Manager

Webmaster Compuware Belgium (April 2001 – June 2009)

Development of new website + maintenance/development of the Compuware Internet/Intranet.

Programming languages: .NET Framework 3.5 - C#, ASP.NET

Tools: Visual Studio Team System 2008 + Team Foundation Server 2008

External assignments :

Software Architect (2008/2009)

In 2008 I performed several smaller assignments for clients of Compuware Belgium. Typical assignments are assessments of the software development process. The purpose of those assessments is to build up a trusted relationship with the client to assist them in optimizing their software development process. Each assignment ends with a detailed consultancy report that gives them a roadmap how to take them to the next level.

Instructor for Compuware DevPartner Studio

- ACV : training of .NET Technical Architects [March 2009]
- CSC India (Chennai) : training of 40 .NET developers [January/February 2009]
- Alcopa : training of internal .NET Developers [2008]

Developer at SD Worx (December 2008 – April 2009)

Team-development of "BBX" Project.

Team structure : 2 Project Leaders, 10 Business Analysts, 10 .NET Developers

Programming languages : .NET Framework 3.5 – C#, WCF, WPF

Database : DB2

Tools: Visual Studio Team System 2008 + Team Foundation Server 2008

Technical Architect at SD Worx (September 2008 – December 2008)

Team-development of new web application "FlexIncome".

Team structure : 1 Project Leader, 2 Business Analysts, 1 Technical Architect, 2 .NET Developers

Programming languages : C# (ASP.NET 3.5)

Database : SQL Server 2005

Tools: Visual Studio Team System 2008 + Team Foundation Server 2008, NHibernate

Code Review for Microsoft Belgium at Atlas Copco (August 2008)

In August 2008 I performed a detailed code review at Atlas Copco on request of Microsoft Consultancy Services (MCS) Belgium. The purpose of the code review at Atlas Copco was to check the overall code quality of their entire eCommerce application that's worldwide available for customers and sales representatives 24/7. They needed a second opinion from Microsoft to be sure that their application was ready to go to production. My role was to perform the actual code review and to present the results/recommendations to all stakeholders in this project.

Technical Architect at Fluxys (April 2006 – June 2008)

Team-development of new application "Sirius" [Windows Forms] for the LNG Terminal at Zeebrugge. Fluxys LNG offers from its LNG terminal in Zeebrugge essentially the service of receiving and unloading LNG carriers, buffer storage of the unloaded LNG, regasification and send-out into the Fluxys transmission grid for onward redelivery. The application that needed to be developed would become responsible for calculating the physical stock of LNG at the Terminal in Zeebrugge.

Team structure : 1 Project Leader, 2 Business Analysts, 1 Technical Architect, 4 .NET Developers

Programming languages : C# (.NET 2.0)

Database : Oracle 10

Tools : Visual Studio Team Foundation Server, Visual Studio 2005 Team Suite, Compuware DevPartner, TOAD, XML Spy, ...

Lead Developer at Cobelfret (January 2006 – April 2006)

Responsible for development team of 4 developers in the COB.NET Software Development Team at Cobelfret. Code review, coaching, process guidance, ... Setup of Technical Framework and Software Factory in collaboration with Microsoft Consulting Services.

Team structure : 1 Solution Architect, 4 Software Architects, 3 Lead Developers, 8 .NET Developers

Programming languages : C# (.NET 2.0)

Database : SQL Server 2005

Tools : Visual Studio Team Foundation Server, Visual Studio 2005 Team Suite, Enterprise Architect

Technical Architect / .NET Developer at Fluxys (September 2003 – December 2005)

Team-development of new "nomination handling"-application [Windows Forms] at Fluxys. Version 1 of the application went live on April 1, 2004 and is used 24/7 by the nomination agents at Fluxys. The application is responsible for matching all nomination-information communicated by the gas-shippers at borderpoints or at gas transport routes in the Fluxys-Grid (gastransport-network). It also performs the balancing of the flows and the propagation of technical constraints.

Team structure : 1 Project Leader, 2 Business Analysts, 1 Technical Architect, 4 .NET Developers

Programming languages : C#, XML, XSLT

Database : Oracle 9

Tools : Visual Studio .NET 2003, Visual Studio Team Foundation Server, Visual Studio 2005 Team Suite, Compuware DevPartner, NUnit, TOAD, FxCop, Ndoc, XML Spy, ...

Analyst/Programmer at Siemens Business Services [SBS]

Webdeveloper at the Reference (December 2000 – July 2001)

➤ Latest Presentations / Training

Microsoft ISV Discovery Day 2011 (May 2011): ALM End-To-End

Microsoft Techdays 2011: [The automated build-deploy-test cycle with Visual Studio Lab Management 2010](#)

LiveMeeting at Microsoft Belgium on Version Control in TFS 2010 (February 2011)

Community Day 2010: No more no repro with Visual Studio 2010 Lab Management (June 2010)

Microsoft TechDays 2010: [Branching & Merging with Team Foundation Server 2010](#) (March 2010)

Deep Dive 1 day Seminar on Testing with Visual Studio 2010 (February 2010)

Introduction to ALM with Visual Studio 2010 (January 27, 2010 for VISUG)

Microsoft ALM Roadshow in Gent, Antwerp + Microsoft Belgium (May 2009)
<http://intovsts.net/2009/04/24/msdn-alm-roadshow-in-belgium/>

ASP.NET Membership, Role Management and Profile Services (May 2009)
<http://kinnie.blogspot.com/2009/05/visug-session-on-aspnet-membership.html>

➤ Publications

.NET Magazine – March 2007: Registration process with ASP.NET Membership
http://download.microsoft.com/download/6/d/b/6dbc1c98-ddfe-4093-8546-2819700a9de3/p52-57_119_lr.pdf

➤ Community Activities

Since October 2006 I became involved in the board of the Visual Studio User Group in Belgium and in 2008 I took up the role as User Group Lead.



The overall goal of the VISUG (<http://www.visug.be>) is to provide the Visual Studio .NET community in Belgium with the necessary infrastructure and organization to enable a community meeting point for everybody who is interested in Microsoft's Visual Studio .NET related technologies. The VISUG organizes on average 16 events / year. Membership is free.

As User Group Lead for the VISUG I'm responsible for organizing events, for the communication with our members (1000+) and sponsors and for controlling the financial part together with our financial controller.

I'm also active as a speaker for the Visual Studio User Group and delivered a number of presentations on Managing the Application Lifecycle with Visual Studio Team System and Team Foundation Server.

Since 2007 I'm also a member of the Belgian Microsoft VIP Technical Community.