GARY T. BENNER

CERTIFIED IT PROFESSIONAL
EDUCATOR
ENTREPRENEUR

OVERVIEW

My fundamental role is as an innovator and creative, the "ideas man".

SKILLS

Education. Taught at High Schools, Polytechs, and as a Trainer. I have a wide range of experience in the differing needs of the young and old, academic and workplace.

Communication. I have excellent people skills, in particular communicating technical subjects to the general public.

Internet. I am directly involved with all the technologies fundamental to today's business and educational environments.

Software. A wide range of skills from the DOS days, through to current Web and Mobile development.

Electronics & Engineering. My fundamental skillset, honed developing electronics for petrol pumps and related systems for the Oil Industry.

RECENT EXPERIENCE

MANAGING DIRECTOR • ONLEARN LTD • 2004 TILL NOW
Pioneer in implementing open source Learning Management Systems in New Zealand, currently providing support services to the e-Learning industry, both academic and workplace. Developing rich media online content and training and consultancy services. Clients include DHB's, PTE's, Schools, many nationwide businesses, and even a Home School.

DIRECTOR • SEMANTIC LTD • 2002 TILL NOW
Semantic is my software development business, where we develop for PC, Web Application, and Mobile devices. Our team have developed a diverse range of products such as Asset Management for Network Power Providers, Medical Software, Professional Practice Management, and Film Industry Systems. Other systems developed include management software for Film Extras on LOR, Hercules & Xena, Voice Artists management with RMK in Sydney, and Actor Management software in NZ.

DIRECTOR • TSUNADO LTD • 2007 TILL NOW
TSUNADO is an innovator in the Civil Defence Alerting industry, received funding of $255,000 from the Callaghan Innovation Fund.

DIRECTOR • 123 INTERNET LTD • 1994 TILL NOW
123 Internet Ltd is a .nz Registrar, providing specialist hosting and email solutions to New Zealand clients.

RECENT EDUCATION

WAIARIKI INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
Certificate of Adult Education.

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INTERESTS

Film Industry
I regularly participate in local BOP Film activities, as an award winner in the BOP 48Hours Film challenge, as Team Leader, sound, lighting, and Post Production.

Languages
I have basic conversational skills in French, German, and Spanish, and Te Reo. I enjoy travel and using these skills to communicate directly in the native tongues.

Writing
I enjoy writing and currently have a number of projects underway, many related to the film industry.

Aviation
With a father who had been a Spitfire pilot in WWII, a passion in aviation is no surprise. I currently assist in managing some of the major Airshows around NZ, with Scheduling Software.

Family History
I have spent nearly 21 years researching and studying my complete family history in NZ, and managing to trace back some lines back to Europe in the 15th century.

Travel
I have lived and worked in many countries, including Spain, France, Switzerland, Germany, Ireland, UK, USA, Canada, Malaysia and Australia.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

RETAIL PETROLEUM CONSULTANT • IBM NZ LTD • 1990-1991
Projects throughout Australia, NZ, and Asia Pacific Region, developing and promoting IBM Retail Solutions for the Petroleum Industry.

SOFTWARE TRAINER • BORLAND NZ LTD • 1999-2006
As founder of the NZ Delphi User Group in 1994, and with an educational background, I was asked to take this role providing training for programmers in large corporates in NZ and Australia.

IT MANAGER • SUNSHINE GARDEN BAGS LTD • 1994-2004
Now a division of Waste Management Ltd, I architected and implemented the IT systems for Route Scheduling, Customer Internet and Automated IVR Systems. This involved managing security and risk at all levels of the organization.

SOFTWARE ARCHITECT & TRAINER • DERCETO LTD • 2003 ->
Originally established by Beca Ltd, now owned by French company Suez, Derceto is an innovator in power saving management for city water systems. I was part of the team to develop the management software for their Aquadapt product. I have continued to provide programmer training for their team.

SYSTEMS DEVELOPER • BABBAGE CONSULTANTS LTD • 1998-2001
I architected their complete Practice Management system called OfficeCentral, integrating Job Management, Email and Fax communications, and external Accounting software.

MANAGING DIRECTOR • CORPORATE SOFTWARE LTD • 1995-2002
Founded to develop a variety of business software solutions, using the latest tools available for the Windows, Windows95 and Windows NT workstation and server environments. Clients included SGS-MEDLAB, Medtech, Acer NZ, RealNZ, Telecom, NZ Refinery, & Auckland International Airport.

SYSTEMS DEVELOPER • RIX SERVICES LTD • 1992-1994
Employed as Manager of Electronics and Software, I developed Fleet Management software for the Auckland Regional Council Yellow Bus Company, Fax over RT for the Ministry of Civil Defence, and various other Fuel and Weighing Management Systems.

MANAGING DIRECTOR • POSTEC LTD • 1986-1991
Founded this company specialising in the interfacing to different fuel pump systems from around the world, in particular Australia. Now owned by Gilbarco.

MANAGING DIRECTOR • MICROELECTRONIC SERVICES LTD • 1979-1986
Founded this company, and was involved in the pioneering development of microprocessor based control equipment for the Distribution sector of the Oil Industry (Service Stations).