**Alternative Resume from Bob Sweeney**

“I am in the top 1% of programmers worldwide. But don’t think that is a boast. For the truth is, I only know 1% of what is out there to be known. Thankfully, programming is an exciting journey of learning new things and accomplishing new goals every day. It’s not a job for someone who wants to be an expert, or indeed, anybody who wants ‘to know’ things.” ***Quote from Bob Sweeney Jan. 2004***

To start with, here's a few accomplishments I've realized in the past few years.

* While @ one of my assignments @ General Electric, I was given the task of optimizing a web page that took 20 minutes to render. The original programmer had written an algorithm that created 28,000 lines of code. I analyzed the algorithm and optimized it to 1,200 lines of code…the page rendered in less than a second. That took 3-4 hours. For this I was called “brilliant” by one of my peers. I don’t really consider myself brilliant but I do know I’m excellent, which I think is the working persons’ version of brilliant. See Alfred Einstein and his comments on genius.
* While in Cork Ireland, I worked in a group of 6 people doing some modifications to an existing program. Despite the fact that I was the last to join the group, I completed about 95% of the work load. (To be honest…I don’t need this kind of heroics, I’m a lunch pail programmer and I’m glad to be a lunch pail programmer).
* I interviewed @ Lockheed Martin for a programmers role. During the interview they gave me a specific problem they were having. I gave them an answer which was high level as I didn’t know exactly how to solve the problem. At least a month later they called me back to do the assignment. They had 4 university degreed programmers there and all had tried to solve the problem. None could. Not in a month, not in 2 months. It was an enterprise level problem with far reaching ramifications and they desperately needed the problem solved. I solved the problem in 2 hours.
* On my last assignment, I worked on 7 different tasks. I completed 4 and did a partial delivery of 3 others. The company was a global manufacturing company with plants in 17 different countries. One of my tasks was a financial application that was used by the accounting department and reached up to both the CFO and also the CEO. After 6 months I left there, my next door colleague having delivered not 1 single screen while my output was well over 50 screens. What a great feeling it was one day when, after entering the accounting department I noticed that nearly everyone was using ‘my’ program. The number of programmers who could say that are few and far between.

I can go on and on about how I have accomplished things not only better than my peers, but far advanced things they could not do *at all* despite university degrees and better working conditions and more time on the assignment than I.

In 1995 I started writing for the internet. I was using the internet before it was GUI (graphical) actually, so when I got the chance to start programming web/database programs I knew that was where computing was going. In 1995 I had my own web site, which you can see today unchanged in many years. (<http://www.1369.com/Bob/>). Not that you would want to probably but there it is.

Since 1995 I have written at least 50,000 web pages. I have my own “co-located” webserver running on a Windows 2003 Server (Web Version). I have 12 domains registered and running commercial grade software that I wrote.

Here’s a few URLs.

* <http://www.OrderingMadeEasy.Com/> This is the best web site on the internet. Ask me to defend this statement! It’s an order taking system for the restaurant industry. A few lines of code change and the program will now support nearly any type of electronic store. It includes 7 programming languages and 4 servers but is tiny @ only about 1 megabyte.
* <http://www.DublinFriendMaker.Com/> This program is far better than the dating websites out there, too bad I don’t have the resources to promote it.
* <http://www.wwwTimesheet.Com/> This is an outstanding electronic timesheets.
* <Http://www.ElectroSchedule.Com> An “OK” scheduling program.
* <http://www.apptMaker.Com/> Far from complete, I like this program for several reasons.

I have several other application in various stages of completion, plus I have redesign plans for 2 of my existing websites and a new commercial website planned and ready to be coded.

I'm sending you a summary page of my resume. With all the experience I have, it is hard to give you a complete picture of my skills and experience. However, the summary page will give you a good snapshot of where I've been and what I've been doing. I hope you notice that I have pursued academic improvement in many places, just as I have sought professional improvements in many geographical locations. I'm not one to sit around waiting for something to happen, I am pro active making things happen.

In reading the above and if you choose to scan my career “summary” page, you will notice a great deal of references to technology and programming tools. I’m certain I have written many millions of lines of computer code. But coding is the easy and fun part of programming. Being successful as a programmer has little to do with knowing how to write code.

Instead, my success has been gained through excellent communication skills; listening to the program stake holders, being aware that it’s “their” program and their project and not mine, understanding that they are not programmers, and mostly, keeping things simple. Right now in my career I am writing 3-5% as much code as other programmers. Because of this I get faster results and improved reliability and less expensive maintenance and program costs.

Well I’ve gone on for a little longer than I had planned, and I know your time is very valuable so I’ll end this letter with hope and great anticipation that you can see me for what I am as a person and as a professional. I especially hope I don’t come across too boastful, as I am far too humble for someone with so many outstanding accomplishments.

I’m extremely anxious to join your group and I welcome the opportunity to expand on my considerable skills and experience.

Sincerely,

Bob Sweeney

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###### Summary Information

**Consultant/Business Analyst/Application Developer:**

### Microsoft Dublin, Ireland

#### Dept. of Health Guam (Asia)

#### Telefort Amsterdam, The Netherlands

### Ministry of Finance Riyhad, Kingdom of Saudi Aabia

#### British Air Shannon, Ireland

### ARAMCO Dahran, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Lockheed Martin Riviera Beach, FL

### Swiss Telecom Amsterdam, The Netherlands

### Golden Tulip Amsterdam, The Netherlands

American Express Ft. Lauderdale, FL

U.S. Federal Government Washington, DC

United Nations Geneva, Switzerland

### Universal Studios Boca Raton, FL

Siemens International Boca Raton, FL

#### Mayors' Offices Washington DC

#### Sealand International Edison, New Jersey

U.S. Dept. of Defense, Pentagon Washington DC (Virginia)

Honda of America Columbus, OH

Viacom, Inc. Ft. Lauderdale, FL

SAIC, Inc. Gunpowder Falls, MD

Smith Kline Beacham Philadelphia, PA

Wyeth-Ayerst International Philadelphia PA

I.E. DuPont De Nemours Wilmington, DE.

General Electric (GE) 4 assignments, 4 locations, 4 divisions

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| Skill | Years | Skill | Years |
| Visual Basic | 10 | Visual Interdev & Visual Studio | 8 |
| MS SQL Server/Oracle | 10 | SQL Experience | 10 |
| HTML | 12 | DHTML | 5 |
| ASP and ASP.Net | 10 | MS Access (all versions) | 12 |
| Windows NT/2000 | 9 | IIS | 10 |
| VB Script | 6 | JavaScript | 8 |
| VBA with Excel/Word | 12 | JAVA | 3 |
| XML, XSLT | 2.0 | ActiveX | 6 |
| Dot Net | 5 | C# | 5 |

## Education:

BA Business: Concentration in Economics, Boston College University ; Cum laude and other awards.

## Technical Training:

Intermediate Visual Basic, Hi-Tech Training, Philadelphia, PA

Advanced Visual Basic, Hi-Tech Training, Philadelphia, PA

Maximizing Databases Using Visual Basic Hi-Tech Training, Philadelphia, PA

Microsoft Access, Hi-Tech Training, Philadelphia, PA

ITIL Training Corp Tutor, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Java University of Limerick, Ireland

Financial Accounting Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Other: 500,000 Read Pages Personal & Professional Development.

**Language Skills**:

Excellent English, good French, Basic Dutch. Nominal Arabic.