

Curriculum Vitae

Calvin Scott Browne

Personal Data

Surname/Family Name:

Browne

First Names:

Calvin Scott

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Home Language:

English

Other Languages:

Afrikaans (speak, read and write)

Rudimentary Conversational German

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Educational Qualifications

Last School Attended: Sandringham High School,
Johannesburg, South Africa.
Matriculated with full University Entrance [REDACTED]
Received a Sandringham Scholar Award in final year,
medals for academic achievement in the last 3 years,
and a special award for 12 years full attendance.

Post School Qualifications: University of Witwatersrand, [REDACTED]
Enrolled for a BSC (Computer Science),
Not completed – Left to do Compulsory Military
Service.

COBOL Programming Course, [REDACTED]
TDF Associates (Private Training Institute).

Accounting Articles, [REDACTED]
See Employment History Entry for Details.

University of South Africa (UNISA), [REDACTED]
Various courses were taken via correspondence during
my National Army Service and in support of my
Accounting Articles. These courses were part of a
BCOMM curriculum and included subjects such as
Accounting, Economics, Commercial Law, Information
Systems.

Employment History

1989 to 1991: Compulsory National Conscription

I was trained as a Signaler in the SADF (now the SANDF). Training included Radio operation and theory. I was eventually posted to the Kruger National Park, where I was responsible for operational communication in the Park. During my posting in the Kruger National Park, I was elected to the Troop Representative Committee.

April 1991 to April 1995: Tattersall & Associates (Public Accountants and Auditors)

My duties and training included drawing up books of accounts up to the level of Financial Statements, completing of Tax Returns and Tax Planning, Involvement in drawing up and execution of Audit Programs, assisting clients with business advice and planning.

April 1992 to May 1994: Rascal Applications (PTY) LTD.

During my Accounting Articles, I was 'seconded' to Rascal Applications where I was involved in writing and implementing Accounting, MRP and Logistical Systems. Clients included manufacturing concerns such as Gabriel SA Shock Absorbers, and Pelindaba Technical Products, a division of the South African Atomic Energy Corporation. System implementation involved analysis of client's business processes as well as business processes re-engineering. I was involved in developing business mapping methodologies, as well as getting involved in product development. I was also responsible for internal system administration, and it was in this environment that I was exposed to TCP/IP and e-mail routing.

May 1995 to July 1998: Improtech CC

I was tasked with setting up the a new Internet Division of the company. This included pricing, administration, product development and system architecture decisions. Points of Presence (POP's) were setup country-wide, joined by a national WAN. Improtech was a niche market ISP catering largely to the South African Legal market. LAN's were setup in Advocates Chambers around the country. A Legal Internet Portal (www.legalnet.co.za) was created, and was awarded 'Best Legal Website' by the Electronic Mail And Guardian (www.mg.co.za). This LegalNET portal still survives to this date.

August 1998 – 2011: Flame Computing Enterprises CC (FCE)

FCE was a software house currently employing six programmers. FCE developed custom real-time TCP/IP based messaging systems. My input was on the business process side, in systems architecture, and business/contractual issues.

Early 1995 – Current: UniForum SA/ZA Central Registry

UniForum SA is an Incorporated not for gain corporation which has the task of

administering the ZA zone, with over a Million registrations.

I fulfilled the roles of Financial Director, Vice Chair of the Board, Spokesperson, and was in charge of legal matters. I was instrumental in converting UniForum SA from a user group to one of the most respected registries on the African continent. I was responsible for making and setting policies and procedures in all aspects of CO.ZA. Additionally, I was responsible for preparing statutory financial statements for the company.

During 2002 and 2003, I was involved in a loosely knit group of organisations that made representations to the South African Parliament regarding the Electronic Communications and Transactions (ECT) Act, then a draft bill. Of specific concern to UniForum SA was Chapter 10 of the Act. This addressed the issue of domain naming in South Africa, with specific reference to the .ZA ccTLD. Our team was able to make a significant contribution to Chapter 10, and helped diffused an initially volatile and controversial situation. This has led to the creation of the .ZA Domain Name Authority which in due course assumed administration of the .ZA ccTLD.

I am the last of the original founding directors (from a registry perspective) and I am due to leave the board on the next director rotation, leaving behind a capable organisation, transformed in the unique requirements of the South Africa environment.

Internationally, I have had the opportunity of attending ICANN, ITU, WIPO and various other international meetings on behalf of CO.ZA, and sometimes even .ZA – further detail under the ICANN section.

1998 – Current: Domain Name Services P/L (DNSSPL)

A software and services supplier in the DNS industry, DNSPL provides the back-end services for the ZA registry. A full suite of products to address the DNS industry has been developed using African technology, able to address zones in the million plus size, along with varying policies and requirements. Additionally, DNSPL is the latest ICANN accredited registrar to be accredited in Africa.

Other Directorships:

I hold directorships in the Island Networks group of companies since April 2011 till current, a Guernsey set of companies responsible for the .je and .gg country code Top Level Domain names.

Internet Industry Experience

Linux Professionals Association

The LPA is a non-profit organisation dedicated to the advancement of Open Source Software in Africa. I have held the position of Treasurer of the organisation, and I have been instrumental in organising the LPA's involvement in various trade shows and exhibitions. Often, I have been tasked with speaking about various Open Source Issues, particularly when it has come to Licensing issues and business practicality's around using Open Source Software. Open Source Software and the philosophy behind it has played a large part in getting me where I am today.

ISOC-ZA

In 2003 and 2004, I was elected to the chair of the South African Chapter of the Internet Society (ISOC-ZA). Previously, I have served in various positions on the ISOC-ZA committee. On behalf of ISOC-ZA, I have made representations to the South African Parliament regarding various pieces of Legislation that would have an outcome on the Internet in South African. On occasions, I have been tasked with public speaking on topics relevant to ISOC-ZA's interest.

ICANN

I have had the experience of attending all but two ICANN meetings (I missed Los Angeles 1999 and Santiago, Chile). At various times, I have been called upon to do various presentations on various subjects, and have grown accustomed to public speaking in this arena. In ICANN meetings, I have tended towards the ccTLD community, as this is the closest part of the ICANN community that CO.ZA (a second level domain in a ccTLD) fits into. Increasingly, and particularly with the emergence of a .ZA administrator, my personal role played within the ICANN involvement has subsided. I have on occasions been asked to represent the interests of various ccTLD managers at various times. I believe my overall understanding of the ICANN process and the politics involved to be good.

I was instrumental in hosting ICANN 21 in Cape Town December 2004 meeting at the Cape Town Convention Center. During this time, I was exposed to ICANN politics from an insider's view. I was involved in liaising with people from all parts of the world, arranging and taking part in meetings at Government Ministerial level, to Mayoral level, through to Police and Special Branches regarding security for the event. In addition, I addressed issues within the ICANN framework, such as the ccTLD/wwwTLD alignment along with the various other political issues involved in the ICANN world.

I was part of the local organising committee for ICANN 47, where as a committee we were responsible for assisting ICANN in acquiring local services, liaising with local organisations and setting up the impressive gala event.

General

I served on the Public Interest Registry (PIR) Inaugural Advisory Board where my duties include advising the management of PIR in the areas of policy, outreach, new services and support.

In the past, I was treasurer for MENSA Transvaal, and am a lapsed member.