

# Marc-Elian Bégin

# Software Innovator

# PERSONAL DETAILS

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# **PROFILE**

Innovation leader, using expert software skills and an engineering mindset to deliver results to organisations with contagious enthusiasm and passion. I love bringing teams together to solve hard problems. I set organisations on an innovative, yet safe, path towards durable change.

I have had the privilege to work in organisations of all sizes, from multi-national companies, internationally-renowned laboratories and agencies, to SMEs and start-ups. This gives me a rich perspective on problem solving and capacity to communicate at all levels.

#### LEADERSHIP SKILLS

- Technical leadership
- Innovation leadership
- Strategic leadership

#### TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Architecture & Design (Python, Clojure, Java)
- Scalable and near-real-time systems
- Mature DevOps and agile methodologies

#### INTERESTS





Scuba diving



(private pilot license)





Rock climbing



(climate change)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

2008 - present \_ CEO, CTO, Co-founder

SixSq, Geneva, Switzerland

Established the company as an expert in cloud and edge computing in Europe. 2.5M CHF revenue and 13% net margin in 2019. Leader of multinational teams. Software product owner and chief software architect. Provided technical and innovation leadership on variety of European research and implementation projects.

Successfully sold SixSq to Ekinops in 2021, ensuring the future of the company with guaranteed investment and support, with full buy-in from employees.

2004 - 2008 **Technical Leader** 

CERN, Geneva, Switzerland

Member of the grid deployment group, evangelised cloud computing at its inception, laying foundation for what would become SixSq. Introduced agile methodologies, leading transformation projects to adopt new practices with success.

1997 - 2004 **Technical Leader** 

Vega, Darmstadt, Germany

Technical leader on number of software projects for the European Space Agency, including International Space Station and satellite systems.

## **EDUCATION**

1989 - 1994 **B.Eng. Mechanical & Aerospace** 

**Ecole Polytechnique de Montreal** 

During thesis project, found and corrected a weakness in the thermal protection system of the Ariane 5 launcher, results were published in the AIAA journal.

#### INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT

Extensive experience in working in international and multi-cultural environments and organisations, including conflict resolution and team management.

#### Conference speaker and panelist

Regular speaker at national and international events and conferences. E.g. TechEx, Edge World, HPE Discover and Radio Lac. I try to share thoughts that are innovative, practical and unexpected, but always in tune with the audience.

#### Lecturer, education and training

Creative

Training the next generation is not only motivating and fulfilling, but also a responsibility to transmit knowledge and experience. Award winning lecturer at EU Business School, as well as HES-SO university.

### **SKILLS** LANGUAGES Problem solver — English French Communication Skills -Fast Learner German