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## Laur IVAN

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### Personal Information Summary of Qualifications

Nationality: Romanian  
2001-2003 Corvil Networks Ltd.  
**System Design Engineer**  
1991-1997 Computer Science Department, "Politehnica"  
University of Bucharest  
**PhD (expected graduation in Dec 2004)**  
12 years experience in Software Development and Systems  
Administration. 7 years research experience in Parallel and  
Distributed Systems and Evolutionary Algorithms. 2 years of  
industry experience. Computer literate. Work on independent  
or team projects.

### Work experience

Since November 2001:  
Corvil Ltd, Pearse St, The Enterprise Centre, Unit 15, D2,  
Dublin, Ireland  
**Software Design Engineer**

Oct 1997 – Oct 2001 :  
Computer Science and Information Systems, University of  
Limerick, Limerick, Ireland  
**Teaching Assistant**  
The teaching assistantship is part of my PhD programme in  
the University of Limerick. The main duties are tutoring and  
lab supervision. I have taught Computer Organisation,  
Programming Languages Technologies, Artificial Intelligence,  
Telecommunication, Computer Networks, Computer  
Graphics, Computer Science 1

1997-2001:  
Computer Science and Information Systems, University of  
Limerick, Limerick, Ireland  
**Systems Administrator**  
I have maintained the SCARE project's web site until March  
1999. I am administrating a 20-nodes Beowulf cluster for the  
same project and part of the PhD research.

Oct 1997 – Jan 2001  
Economic Informatics Department, Academy of Economic  
Studies, Bucharest, Romania  
**IT Consultant (remote from Ireland)**  
My main duties are to offer networking consultancy in  
equipment acquisition, optimal topologies and intranet  
design.

Jan 1997 – Oct 1997  
Economic Informatics Department, Academy of Economic  
Studies, Bucharest, Romania

### **Systems Administrator**

The Economic Informatics Department employs multiple systems, multiple architecture networks: Microsoft OS-s, Linux systems, IBM AIX, Novell. I have managed the Novell networks, Linux workstations and I also designed part of the intranet.

Jan 1997 – Oct 1997

Economic Informatics Department, Academy of Economic Studies, Bucharest, Romania

Computer Science Department, “Politehnica” University of Bucharest, Romania

### **Associate Lecturer**

The Academy of Economic Studies and “Politehnica” University of Bucharest are among the highest rated universities in Romania. I have lectured Computer Networks and taught (labs and tutorials) Assembly Languages, Data Structures and Algorithms and Advanced Programming Languages.

Feb 1996 – Jun 1996

Schlienger S.A., Mulhouse France

### **IT Consultant**

Schlienger S.A. is a major manufacturer for Peugeot. My duties were to map the manufacturing flow within the company and to design a new intranet for upgrade purposes.

## **Education**

Since October 1997

Computer Science and Information Systems Department, University of Limerick, Limerick, Ireland

### **PhD in Parallel Computing and Evolutionary Algorithms**

Expected graduation Dec 2004.

My research combines the Evolutionary Algorithms and the Parallel/Distributed Computing fields with a novel tool for program automatic parallelisation. Paragen is a tool for converting sequential legacy programs into functionally equivalent parallel programs. It is using a transformation-based evolutionary algorithm in order to achieve the program’s parallelisation.

Oct 1996 – Jun 1997

Computer Science Department, “Politehnica” University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania

### **M.Sc. in Parallel and Distributed Computing**

The research contribution for this degree was in the field of high-speed networks. It contained a complex overview of available technologies (ATM, Gigabit Ethernet etc.) with their applications in distributed computing.

Sep 1991 – Jun 1996

Computer Science Department, “Politehnica” University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania

### **B.Sc. in Computer Networks**

My dissertation for the B.Sc. degree was “Routing in Computer Networks using Genetic Algorithms” and it

presented a proof of concept on using genetic algorithms for static traffic routing in computer networks. GPA 3.75

Sep 1987 – Jun 1991  
Informatics High School, Bucharest, Romania  
Top 20% of graduates.

#### **Other education**

April 2001  
College of Business, University of Limerick, Limerick, Ireland  
**Training in Project Management**

1995 – 1996  
Languages Department, “Politehnica” University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania  
**American Business English**

Feb 1996 – Jun 1996  
CRESA Mulhousen, France  
**TEMPUS Scholarship**  
Classes in Marketing, Management, Statistics.

#### **Papers**

- 2003 **Characteristics of the Informatics' Clones**  
TBA  
**Metrics for the Structure of Informatics System**  
TBA  
**A Metric for Auto-parallelisation Feasibility of Programs**  
TBA
- 2001 **Automatic Map Labelling System using Genetic Algorithms**  
IE 2001 Economic Informatics Symposium, Bucharest, Romania
- 2000 Co-Speaker with Dr. Conor Ryan in the tutorial entitled “**Automatic Parallelisation using Genetic Programming**” - GECCO, Las Vegas USA

1999 **Evolution of Equivalent Parallel Programs:  
Sequences and Iterative Instructions**  
Late Breaking Papers, GECCO, Orlando USA

**Evolving Equivalent Parallel Programs:  
Sequences and Iterative Instructions**  
Conference, PDPTA, Las Vegas USA

**Evolving Equivalent Parallel Programs:  
Sequences and Iterative Instructions**  
Poster Session, PDPTA, Las Vegas USA

**Evolving Equivalent Parallel Programs:  
Sequences and Iterative Instructions**  
Conference, SCASE '99, Limerick IRELAND

**Automatic Discovery of Program Transformations  
for Parallelisation**  
Late Breaking Papers (and Poster session), EuroGP,  
Gothenburg SWEDEN

**Evolving Equivalent Parallel Programs**  
IE'99 Economic Informatics Symposium, Bucharest  
ROMANIA

**Automatic Parallelisation of Sequential Programs  
using Genetic Programming**  
Conference, AROB, Oita JAPAN

1998 **Automatic Parallelisation of Loops in Sequential  
Programs using Genetic Programming**  
Poster session, GP'98, Madison USA

**Automatic Parallelisation of Loops in Sequential  
Programs using Genetic Programming**  
Conference, GP'98, Madison USA

**Automatic Parallelisation of Loops in Sequential  
Programs using Genetic Programming**  
Graduate Student Workshop, GP'98, Madison USA

**Automatic Discovery of Program Transformations  
for Parallelization**  
Conference, PDPTA, Las Vegas USA

**Automatic Discovery of Loop Transformations for  
Autoparallelisation**  
Late Breaking Papers, EuroGP, Paris FRANCE

1997 **Assembly Language Puzzlebook**  
Edited by the Academy of Economic Studies Press  
(Bucharest), ROMANIA

**Re-Engineering prin descoperirea automata a transformarilor aplicabile pentru paralelizare**

Revista de Informatica Economica (Economic Informatics Journal), in romanian, Bucharest ROMANIA

**Image Compression using Genetic Algorithms**

IE'97 Economic Informatics Symposium, Bucharest ROMANIA

## Current Projects

### **KDE enhancements**

KDE is an integrated desktop solution for UNIX based environments built using Trolltech's Qt library. I am an active member of the development community ever since starting the Magellan project. I have contributed UI enhancements to the project aiming to improve the user's visual experience.

### **Paragen**

Parallelisation of sequential programs using evolutionary techniques. This project is part of my PhD research and combines evolutionary algorithms and parallel and distributed programming techniques. It is part of S.C.A.R.E. (Soft Computing And Re-Engineering) project. The objective of the project is to create a parallelisation tool for legacy code re-engineering.

### **Computer Aided Study**

An intelligent system for on-line evaluation of knowledge and reaction designed for 3-rd level (electronic engineering) students. This project is part of a PhD research conducted in Babes-Bolyai University in Cluj, Romania. It is designed to iteratively provide information and subsequent evaluation of it acquirement by students.

## Recent Projects

### **Magellan (and Arkteon)**

This project aims to be a full UN\*X groupware environment. I am participating to this project for extending my skills in UN\*X programming (C/C++, Qt, KDE etc) as well as using my extensive knowledge in both Computer Networks and Distributed Computing fields. Also I am the main art contributor to the project.

### **Inca**

Inca is developed as an open source alternative to current commercial installation packages (e.g. Install-Shield). It is a very good opportunity to use my programming skills as well as the network communications knowledge.

## **Other Projects**

### **Graduation Project**

Routing the Computer Networks using Distributed Genetic Algorithms

### **Electronic Devices**

Temperature controller

### **Data Structures and Algorithms**

Extended MetaFile editor (Microsoft Windows version)

### **Computer Architecture**

Project of Von Neumann Computer Architecture

### **Formal Languages and Translators**

C/C++ Pretty-Printer (lint) with syntax error detection

### **Graphic Systems**

Texture mapping, rendering and anti-aliasing algorithms

### **Operating Systems**

Memory Management Kernel (Round Robin algorithm)

### **Mathematical Bases of the Computers**

Essay on Neural Networks and Parallel Computing  
Simulation on Computer Networks

## **Professional Interest:**

- Embedded systems
- COM Technologies
- Data Transmission Technologies
- Interconnecting Routing Algorithms
- Parallel and Distributed Computing
- Compilers and Programming Languages
- Image and Sound Processing
- Compression Algorithms
- Operating Systems
- Distributed Databases
- Neural Networks applications on Computer Networks (Partial Recognition)

## **Skills**

- Extensive programming experience with C/C++ with major DOS and Windows 95/98/NT/2000 C/C++ compilers (Borland, Microsoft, Watcom, GCC), Pascal (including parallel pascal), assembly language in x86 and compatible platforms (real and protected modes),
- Comprehensive knowledge in Evolutionary Algorithms and Parallel and Distributed Systems,
- In-depth knowledge of Java development and design,
- Hands-on experience in interpreted languages (e.g. shell scripting, python, scheme),
- UML,
- Experience in programming GUI interfaces (MS Windows and UN\*X environments),
- Solid knowledge of MS-DOS, UN\*X (Linux, DEC-OSF, Solaris) operating systems,
- Knowledge of product life-cycle,
- Windows (3.1, 95/98, NT, 2000) - System Administration, usage and development,
- Extended knowledge in web design (HTML, CSS, JavaScript), Macromedia (Dreamweaver, Freehand, Flash), NetObjects Fusion and Microsoft Front Page,
- Strong image processing skills. I have worked with popular tools like Adobe (Photoshop, Image Ready, After Effects), Corel (Corel Draw, Corel Photo Paint), Kinetix Discreet (3D Studio/Max), AutoDesk AutoCAD, MetaCreations (Kai's Power Tools, Kai's Power Goo), Gimp, De-Babelizer,
- Software testing experience,
- Knowledge of ORACLE system,
- Knowledge on RSX systems,
- Analyst Programmer License since 1991,
- Excellent team player,
- Project management and vision,
- Fast assimilation of new ideas.

## **Personal Details**

- Languages: Romanian, English, French, German
- Interests: Painting, drawing, Music, Sport (tennis, basketball, soccer, table tennis, jogging), Math (geometry, fast Fourier applications, trigonometry)
- Full driving license since 1994
- I am member of ADSE (Association for Development through Science and Education) since May 2000. ADSE is an academic association of college professors, scientific researchers and students aiming to develop educational and research programs.