



Martin Apel

HELLO, MY NAME IS MARTIN APEL.

I was born in Bonn, the former capital of Germany, where I also went to school. I studied computer science at the University of Kaiserslautern with physics as my minor subject. My first job after graduating was with a company named Human Solutions in Kaiserslautern. I started out as a software developer, then took over the responsibility for the development of the company's product, the RAMSIS software. It is used throughout the automotive industry in the field of ergonomic simulation. During two intermediate years at the Fraunhofer Institute of experimental software engineering I undertook a complete redesign of the RAMSIS kernel. In cooperation with my former company the result was subsequently implemented into the product. I moved to Munich in 2004 to work as a software architect for Softlab, an IT service company. During my time there my tasks shifted to those of a project manager, mainly for on-site BMW projects.

I joined INTEC in March 2007 to strengthen the software development team for SIMPACK. My main task is the design of an improved software architecture and user interface for the SIMPACK preprocessor and main program.

In my free time I love to hike in the mountains nearby or to travel. I am especially fond of the Scandinavian countries and have often spent my vacations there.

HELLO, MY NAME IS PRASHANT KHAPANE.

I come from the beautiful town Kolhapur in the south-west corner of India where I finished my high-school studies before moving to Walchand college of Engineering for my undergraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering. I worked as a graduate trainee at Kirloskar Oil Engines Pvt.Ltd. in Pune and then went to the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Kanpur for my mas-

ters in Computational Fluid Dynamics/Aerospace Engineering. At the IIT I received a DAAD scholarship to finish my masters at the RWTH-Aachen, Germany. After that I joined the Vehicle System Dynamics group at the German Aerospace Center in Oberpfaffenhofen where I was introduced to the wonderful world of Multi-Body Simulation and SIMPACK. I was mostly involved with the simulation of aircraft ground dynamics, landing gear dynamics and eventually wrote my doctoral thesis Simulation of Landing Gear Dynamics and Brake-Gear interaction using SIMPACK which I submitted to the Institute of Mechanical Engineering, TU Braunschweig. Since April 2007, I've been working in the SIMPACK-Rail group at INTEC. My responsibilities include project work and customer support.

In my free time I'm either reading, watching movies or playing cricket. My biggest passion though is to be out in the nature, mostly mountains and make landscape photographs, the latter being a mere excuse to achieve the former.

HELLO, MY NAME IS PATRICIA HERION.

I was born in Munich and grew up in Pfaffenhofen, a small town near Munich. I studied economics at Regensburg university and completed my studies additional with a Public Relations and Marketing Degree at the BAW (Bavarian academy for marketing). In the meantime I've gained around 5 years working experience in all fields of marketing.

After working for an advertising and public relations agency in Munich, I then moved to a software company (producer of integrated document management solutions) where I was responsible for international marketing and PR.

I joined INTEC in March 2007 as the new Marketing Manager.



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