Short biography for Sven-Håkan Olsson



Sven-Håkan Olsson, born 1956, holds an MScEE degree from the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm. He has worked in the IT business since 1977 and as a consultant since 1979.

Course leader, speaker

Regularly he leads a three-day SOA and application integration course at Dataföreningen Kompetens. The course has been given around 15 times to date. (Dataföreningen is Sweden's member organization for IT professionals, similar to IEEE.) This course has also been given in English. Also, he is the course leader of a three-day Cloud Computing course. Dataföreningen as well runs a certification program for IT Architects, where Sven-Håkan leads one of the course-segments. He is a speaker at symposia and conferences in Sweden, and has also written IT magazine articles.

Developer, architect

Sven-Håkan has covered many of the technologies and development principles used the last 30 years. He started with IBM mainframes, programming in Cobol and assembler, then continued with minis from DataGeneral as well as Digital Equipment and projects using Pascal, Basic and C. Some years he worked in the embedded systems arena, creating SNA communications software in Motorola assembler. In the 90s he mainly worked in the banking/financial sector, designing and developing systems in C++ and VB. Since 2000 he has mostly worked as an IT architect, also in the public sector. He has carried out a large number of reviews of projects with problems. Lately, Sven-Håkan has also "got back to the roots" and developed applications.

In May 2008, Sven-Håkan was appointed one of the "top developers in Sweden", by the magazine IDG Computer Sweden.

Entrepreneur

Sven-Håkan co-founded the Swedish consultant company Know IT in 1990 and held several positions, for example Deputy CEO, board member, Executive VP Technology, subsidiary board Chairman and President as well as still being a consultant. Know IT made an IPO in 1997 and is today listed at the Stockholm Stock Exchange. Even though the time within Know IT had been extremely interesting, Sven-Håkan chose to leave Know IT in 2003 to do some more studying at the Royal Institute if Technology, lead courses and be an independent consultant.