



THORSTEN ROOD

C-LEVEL ENTERPRISE IT-ARCHITECT

CLOUD APP NETWORKING | SECURITY | INFRASTRUCTURE | MOBILITY



about me

*1975
IT-experienced sine 1993
Innovator | Motivator
Technologist | Team Leader

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PROFILE

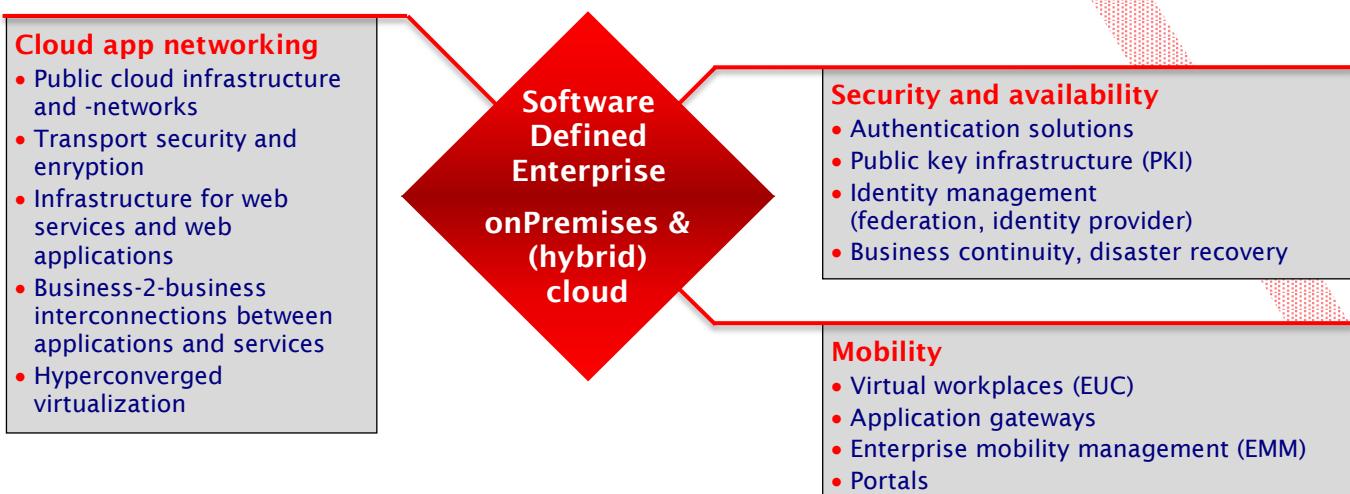
I am working in information technology industry and matured into the role of an enterprise architect, still committed validating bits & bytes in daily reality, awarded multiple times as CTP and I'm certified as MCE/CCE. My strongest fortitudes are technology competence and quality assurance. Rhineland and Ruhr district is my home of choice for a long time now, but customer on-site engineering brings me widely around into different places.

Without industry-specific focus, I implemented large-scale deployments and completed early adopter set-ups for demanding customers. Together with my professional team, I provide solutions where others try out their first steps 3 years later.

I'm also an independent frequent speaker at international public vendor- and community-driven events, delivering technical breakout sessions legendary known for my level 400+ trademark.

TECHNOLOGY AND EXECUTION

My core disciplines focus around the software defined datacenter, a fully virtualized or cloud-operated environment across all technical stacks. I support customers satisfying their ongoing dynamic business needs by applying agile IT-concepts and I create competitive advantage through innovative technology usage.



Architecture / project services

- Consulting, assessment, design
- Project delivery, outtasking
- Project management, quality assurance, audit
- 3rd-level specialist
- Service provider consulting

Presentation

- >110 public speakings, with >50 international sessions
- Decision maker counseling
- Workshops
- Tailored training

Management

- Business development, portfolio steering
- Qualification planning
- Human resource management

SKILLS

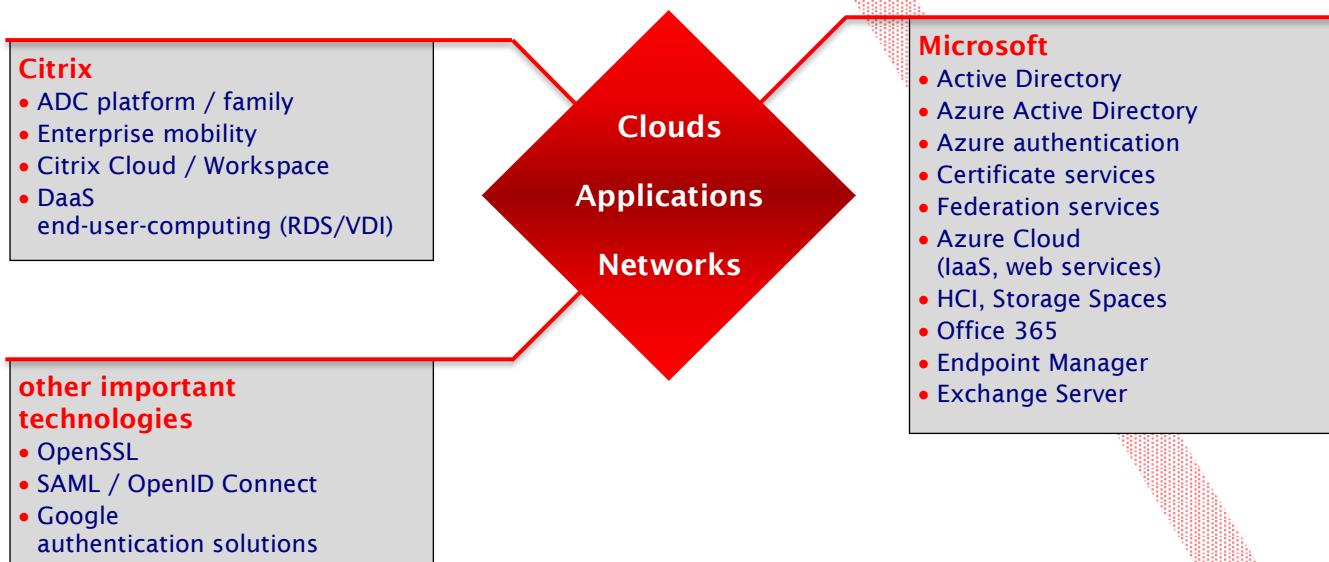
I gained long-term experience working with IT infrastructures, various application requirements and the ongoing change that IT is faced with. On the one hand, I work as an architect and generalist with a comprehensive wealth of experience in regards to mid-tier customers and service provider needs. On the other side, I'm a solution specialist focussed on cloud app networking, mobility workforce evolution and committed to provide pragmatic but also effective security concepts even in the cloud era.

My top priority is delivering quality-focussed solutions that are »feature-complete« and designed to run and provide their service offering over a long period of time without a need for ongoing operational or administrative assistance. I do support management decision makers with their challenges such as establishing agile IT services or hybrid distributed systems and I also offer assistance mediating conflicts between technical and organizational interests.

PRODUCTS AND AWARDS

My main interest is adding value on top of cloud app networking. This mission cares about aligning both the application- and network-centric demands that have become important in the age of ubiquitous mobility, in a combined solution. However, this is not about network transport such as routing or firewalling exclusively. It instead requires detailed consideration of application protocols or web services and their security posture, so that it becomes an interdisciplinary perspective.

Because of that approach, this challenges both the IT generalist in regards to the overall IT architecture and involves the specialist that knows about application specific behavior in detail – in just one person...



Certification	Vendor networking	Community engagement
<p>Citrix, since 2001 constantly prematurely certified</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CCE-AppDS• CCE-V• Specialist practicum <p>Microsoft, since 1998 constantly prematurely certified</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MCE Azure Solutions Architect• MCE Cybersecurity Architect• MCSE cloud platform• MCSE server infrastructure	<p>Citrix personal expert achievements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inner circle ADC development• Partner technical experts council (PTEC)• Subject matter expert (SME) for networking & mobility	<p>Citrix Technology Professional (CTP), 2009-2022</p> <p>Microsoft Most Valuable Professional (MVP) Terminalservices, 2002-2007</p>

PROJECTS (IN EXCERPTS)

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LANGUAGE SUPPORT

- German (native tongue)
- English (international technical speaker), in speech and writing

PUBLIC SPEAKING (IN EXCERPTS)

Defending against the Unknown	E2EVC, Berlin	2022	
Better authentication made easy: Microsoft Azure MFA and Google reCaptcha powering onPremises NetScalers	CUGC webinar	2017	
NetScaler, Office 365 and Azure: a surprise story	Citrix Technology Exchange, Bonn	2017	
Connectivity Demystified: NetScaler Unified Gateway without configuration wizards	Citrix Synergy, Orlando	2017	
Identity Federation 1x1 with NetScaler: SAML for SaaS, B2B and enterprise	Citrix Synergy, Orlando	2017	
Connectivity Demystified: Receiver, StoreFront, Gateway – in depth	Citrix Technology Exchange, Berlin	2016	
Make your web apps faster and much more secure	Citrix Synergy, Las Vegas	2016	
XenMobile Enterprise Demystified: Notes from the field, 2016 edition	BriForum Europe, London	2016	
The universal weapon to secure and to speed up your web apps	Security Insider webinar	2015	
Getting the most out of your NetScaler Gateway	Citrix Synergy, Orlando	2015	
GeekSpeak: Mobility – lessons learned	Citrix Technology Exchange, Munich	2014	
The Citrix Mobility Stack uncovered, July 2014 edition	BriForum, Boston	2014	
Enterprise IT by 2020 – important trends you should take care of now!	Chamber of industry and commerce, Hannover	2014	
ShareFile StorageZones and NetScaler – how secure are you?	Citrix Synergy, Anaheim	2014	
The "wow" factor that NetScaler brings to desktop virtualization	Citrix Synergy, Anaheim	2013	

VOCATIONAL BACKGROUND

I'm not a self-employed freelance engineer, instead I've always joined and worked with several companies over the last years and spent a longer timeframe with each of those (with an increase of management responsibilities that I took over) and still like the concept of creating results as team success.

braincon GmbH Wuppertal/Rodgau	Chief Technology Officer (CTO) + Regional Director + Principal Architect
- previously -	
Networkers AG (Controlware group) Hagen	Team Leader Application Networking + Principal Architect
KPMA GmbH Düsseldorf	Chief IT-Architect + Head of IT
EDS Corporation (formerly Systematics AG) Düsseldorf	Senior IT-Architect / Infrastructure Specialist IT-Architect
MEGRA Informatik GmbH Solingen	Senior Systems Engineer Software-Developer and Systems Engineer Programmer
Westdeutsche Landesbank Düsseldorf	Bank Business Management Assistant