

## Introduction for Soli Agha, Montréal

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This is a resume of my work experience. Thank you for taking the time to read it.

**I was most recently working full time as a private chef for a visual effects company. Lunches were served daily to 50 artists and support staff.**

**I am looking to work with non-governmental-organizations (NGOs) and non-profits (NPOs). I desire to focus on community, dissemination, and best practice. Current motivations are related to food, food security, localization, and grass roots support.**

I am currently looking for opportunities to develop or consult on food preparation and operations of all types and sizes; especially related to catering style businesses.

In other branches of interest, I have been distributing [Drupal 5.7](#) with [Localizer](#), [eCommerce](#), and other [modules](#). I have also been contributing to [montcarte](#).

I am always interested in continuing my work in technology.

I speak, read, and write French and English, and speak some Arabic.

## Education and Training

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### 2007

Open source Deep-Dive - Linux, mySQL, phpMyAdmin, PHP, Perl, Python, Drupal, Joomla, CiviCRM, Wordpress and MU

### 2006

- Concordia University Montreal - Political Science 40 Credits - Currently registered as a part time student
- Exploring ASP 2.0 and 2005 Microsoft platforms, including C#, as well as open source technologies and related APIs
- 3 day wind, solar, and biodiesel workshop at the Fallsbrook Center in New Brunswick, Canada.

### 2005

3 day training session with [Steven Black](#) regarding architecture, Visual Fox Pro 9, and other surrounding open-source technologies

### 2003

ASP.NET by [Developmentor](#): Essential ASP.NET (Custom course for IMS Health Canada)

### 2003 - Present

Microsoft Partner Action Pack Subscription  
Regular review of current Microsoft Press and related materials  
Regular attendance to Microsoft Deep Dives and various IT events

### 1999

[Versalys](#) Formation MCP Course (completed in French)

### 1995

Vanier/John Abbott College  
DEC Social Science

## Information Technology Experience

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**Focused skill-sets** - Open source (Drupal, Joomla, PHP, Perl, Python, MySQL) and Microsoft (ASP.NET, VB.NET, C#.NET, 2005, 2003, SQL 2005 2000, SharePoint 2007 2003).

**Additional technical experience** - Transact-SQL - Oracle 9i - IIS 5.0 + 4.0 - ASP 3.0 - Web Services - Visual SourceSafe - UML - XML - HTML - JavaScript - UML - Microstrategy - Various RAD tools - Adobe CS3 Graphics Suite (Flash, Dreamweaver) - Application and Web Hosting - Project Management

**Les Gourmets Pressés [2007 - 2008]** (<http://www.lesgourmetspresses.ca>)

Restaurant Website built on Drupal – Built a dynamic e-commerce web site for a small restaurant.

**Duschenes & Fish Designs [June 2007 - Sept 2007]** (<http://www.dfsarch.com>)

SharePoint 2007 website - Configured a SharePoint 2007 portal that with serve as a primary corporate website. Deployment in September 2007.

**Gourmet Bazar Inc. [June 2007 - ongoing in 2007]**

Joomla, Joom!Fish, and VirtueMart deployment - Configured and deployed a Joomla, Joom!Fish, and VirtueMart application.

**CLIC International Inc. [Jan 2007 - Aug 2007]** ([www.clicfoods.ca](http://www.clicfoods.ca))

Architecture consultant - Ongoing project to redesign the IT infrastructure at CLIC International, including network architecture, ERP integration (AccPac), intra and internets (using Joomla and SharePoint 2007), documentation, and training. ([PDF: Sample Architecture](#))

**Falls Brook Centre - New Brunswick [Nov 2006 - Aug 2007]** ([www.fallsbrookcentre.ca](http://www.fallsbrookcentre.ca) and [www.energyconnection.ca](http://www.energyconnection.ca))

Open source installations of Drupal, CiviCRM, and ActiveCollab on Linux platforms - Community based architecture for the Falls Brook Centre, a New Brunswick NGO.

**CIA [Jan 2006 - Oct 2006]** ([www.cia.ca](http://www.cia.ca))

3 consulting opportunities including VB.NET, C#, ASP.NET, Web Services, SQL, MS Access, MS Excel, VBA, and ASP 3.0

**CCQ (Commission de construction de Québec)**

- Researched Microsoft Authorization Manager and security token management
  - ASP to ASP.NET conversion
- Technologies: Microsoft Authorization Manager; ASP; ASP.NET; WSE 2.0

**Verint**

- Web services
  - Visual Source Safe and Build Automation
- Technologies: Visual Studio 2003; Visual Source Safe; C#

**Desjardins**

- Microsoft Excel and Access BI tool (multiple report dimensions and indicators)
  - Business case analysis
- Technologies: Microsoft Excel 2003; Microsoft Access 2003; VBA

**Granville [2004 - 2005]** ([www.granvillevan.com](http://www.granvillevan.com))

*ASP.NET VB.NET POS report engine*

- Integrated 3 versions in 3 physically different revenue centers of a Micros 8700 and 9700 POS data system.
- Developed custom reporting engine built on top of that database. The report engine ran from a custom web portal. Consulted on the existing IT framework.

Technologies: ASP.NET; VB.NET; SQL 2000; Transact-SQL; IIS 5.0; Web Services; XML; Project Management; UML

**IMS Health Canada [2002-2004]** ([www.imshealthcanada.com](http://www.imshealthcanada.com))

*ASP.NET & VB.NET Application developer*

- Designed, developed, and created graphic design for an Intranet Portal [NEMO:300 users] for the IMS Health Canada communications department.
- Developed user interface prototypes for IMS' next generation business intelligence portal for the pharmaceutical industry sales force in conjunction with marketing team and usability analysts from Intuitive Design ([www.intuitivedesign.com](http://www.intuitivedesign.com)).
- Development of Integrated Solutions (formally known as [Xplorer](#)) which consisted of working in cross-functional and distributed teams. Participated in the early design phases exploring business intelligence ([MicroStrategy](#)) integration and dynamic user interface generation.
- Developed personalized (based on sales territory definition) user interface engine rendering data, images and site structure specific to the sales representative and corporate profiles.

Technologies: VB.NET; ASP.NET; Visual SourceSafe; SQL 2000; Oracle 9i; IIS 5.0; Microstrategy; JavaScript; Web Services; XML; Terra Portal; Microsoft Visio; UML; ASP3; HTML; Adobe Graphics Suite

**UMBRELA INC. [2002 - Present]** ([www.umbrella.com](http://www.umbrella.com))

*ASP.NET & VB.NET application developer* - Offered various development and consultation services to companies like Royal LePage, Plank Design, SHC, Cosette, AON Consulting, Terra-Axis, The Templeton, Numbers Cabaret, The Roxy, The Cellar, Doolins, The Canadian Chamber of Commerce of Lebanon (CCICL), and Hye Travel Services.

Application development revolved around standard nTier object oriented architectures with SQL as a backend. UMBRELA was also able to offer web, mail, ftp, and application hosting. These servers were up and running for 5 years. They were shut down in 2006.

Technologies: ASP.NET; VB.NET; SQL 2000; Transact-SQL; IIS 5.0; ASP3; Web Services; XML; HTML; JavaScript; UML; Application Hosting; Project Management; Team Management; HR Management

**Plank Design [2002]** ([www.plankdesign.com](http://www.plankdesign.com))

*ASP3/VB6/FoxPro6 developer* - Implemented FoxPro database with an ASP3 interface for [Silanis](#), a Canada Post paperless digital security initiative.

Technologies: Microsoft Visual FoxPro 6; ASP3; IIS4

**Terra-Axis [1999 - 2002]** ([www.terra-axis.com](http://www.terra-axis.com))

*ASP3/VB6 developer*

- Developed full branding and marketing concepts, including graphic design for logo, web and print, various product demos (Flash demo and real-time), and ASP code for corporate website and web forms.
- Designed marketing package to promote flagship portal development product, Terra-Portal [[Terra Axis](#)]. Developed commercial web sites for Floorhouse Web [[www.floorhouse.com](http://www.floorhouse.com)], Budweiser, Gift-of-Cheers, nStein, and IMS – IMS Pulse Web [[www.imshealthcanada.com](http://www.imshealthcanada.com)].

Technologies: VB6; VBA; HTML; ASP3; IIS; Microsoft Visual Studio 6; JavaScript; Microsoft SQL 2000; Adobe and Macromedia Graphics Suites

## Hospitality Experience

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### **Lumiere VFX Inc. [2008 - 2009]**

*Private Chef* - Private Chef in a studio housing 50+ artists and support staff. Duties included complete meals 5 times a week; daily drinks and snacks; menu and recipe creation; inventory management and expedition; purchasing; weekly events (i.e. frequent cocktail parties). Budget and technological restrictions ensured a high-efficiency preparation model. ([www.lumierevfx.com](http://www.lumierevfx.com))

### **Les Gourmets Pressés [2007 - 2008]**

*Business Manager* - Business manager for 2 small restaurants in the heart of Montréal. Duties included HR; business development; website architecture, publishing, translation, e-commerce; print media. Also applied in the kitchen, catering, and service. (<http://lesgourmetspresses.ca>)

### **Kaizen (formally Koji's) Sushi Montreal [1999-2000]**

*Waiter and assistant floor manager* - Waiter and assistant manager; aided in the setup and Grand Opening of The Tri House, a second floor gastronomic showcase of a menu designed and prepared by master chef Tri; managed business inventory, scheduling, and loss control. (<http://www.kaizensushibar.com>)

### **Buena Noite Montreal [1998-1999]**

*Waiter/Suiteur* - Waiter and suiteur at Buena Noite, a Montreal icon, distinguishes itself by its normally boisterous and distinguished crowd. (<http://www.buonanotte.com>)

### **Le Temple Montreal (1234 de la Montagne) [1997-1998]**

*Bartender* - The Temple was a restored funeral home in the heart of downtown Montreal. This was a very energetic and demanding environment.

### **Ritz Carlton Montreal [1997-1998]**

*Banquette server* - Set and served anywhere from 40 to 120 guests three to nine course meals. (<http://www.ritzcarlton.com>)

### **Vol de Nuit Montreal (14 Prince-Arthur E.) [1994 - 1995]**

*DJ* - Hosted a six hour DJ shift on Friday and Saturday nights. (<http://www.wcites.com>)

### **Cylde's Pointe-Claire [1993 - 1994]**

*DJ and Events Manager* - Hosted a six hour DJ shift on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday nights. I was also responsible of organizing various events including several high profile bands and charity fundraisers. (<http://www.bar-resto.com/clydes/>)