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Top Skills

International Business Development

Customer Relationship Management

Analytical Skills, Advanced Optical
Technologies/ applications

Languages

French (Native or Bilingual) English
(Full Professional)

Publications

The anatomy of an access network

Nicholas Gagnon

Connecting with customers, developing solutions for profitable and solid relationships.

Québec, Quebec, Canada

Summary

I am a go getter; Set the objectives and just watch me :-). I strive to make customers happy and bring recurrent revenues.

Experience

Self Employed - Ahead of the Curve

Fractional CRO, Consultant

September 2025 - Present

Quebec City metropolitan community, Quebec, Canada

Helping companies in the Optics, Photonics, fibre laser and defense industries to remain Canadian and thrive. Portfolio: Luqia, PATQER, Assembler AI, others (NDA).

ITF Technologies

Sales Director (ITF Technologies - member of O-Net group) January
2023 - September 2025 (2 years 10 months)

Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Led sales and distribution initiatives, achieved an operating margin increase of +40% while driving sales growth of +50%, over 2 years.

Spearheaded a project to transition the company back to a fully Canadian operation.

EHVA Inc.

Chief Revenue Officer (CRO) (Acquired by EXFO, November 2022)

Mars 2022 - January 2023 (10 months)

Quebec, Canada

Innovative Silicon Photonics & PIC Test System, start-up.

LeddarTech - Mastering Lidar Sensor Technology

Director, Sales AMR, APAC & Global Distribution

May 2017 - Mars 2022 (5 years)

Quebec City, Canada

High-performance solid-state LIDARS for mass-market autonomous driving applications.

EXFO

Business Development Manager & Product Line Manager

August 1995 - June 2017 (*see details*)

Quebec, Canada

(3) Responsible for the Data Center market development, supporting sales teams (Americas, EMEA, APAC).

(2) Passive Optical Network (PON), Cable MSO & Enterprise markets verticals (Americas, EMEA, APAC). (1) PLM & Marketing Manager OTDR (PSG2)

Dates Employed: 3) Aug. 2015 – Jun. 2017 & Jan. 2004 – Aug. 2009 2) Aug. 1998 - Jun. 2000

1) Aug. 1995 – Sept. 1996

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Sales Director

January 2013 - August 2015 (2 years 8 months)

Quebec city

Getting stuff done in a start-up... Portable flow cytometer device that went into space

TeraXion (*now Indie Semi*)

Product Line Manager & Business Development

August 2009 - January 2013 (3 years 6 months)

Product line manager for the PureSpectrum Narrow-Linewidth Laser and PowerSpectrum Ultrafast and High-Power Laser components

Coractive

Product Line Manager

March 2002 - December 2003 (1 year 10 months)

Product line manager for the specialty fiber portfolio.

Nortel Networks

Market Development Manager

January 1999 - November 2001 (2 year 10 months)

Responsible to identify and develop approach and win strategy for the Utility telecom companies in the North East of the US and Canada.

COGECO Cable

Marketing Director

September 1996 - August 1998 (2 year)

Responsible for the launch of the Rapidus High-Speed Internet service over cable

Education

MIT Sloan School of Management

Lecture, Innovation · (1999 - 2000)

Université de Sherbrooke

MSc., Marketing and Diffusion of Innovations · (1994 - 1995)

Université Laval

Bachelor, Marketing · (1988 - 1991)