Inside Citrix chapter one – The one about the author

My name is Bas (Sebastiaan, actually) van Kaam, I am 39 years of age (2018) and I live in a town called IJmuiden, which is located in Noord Holland, The Netherlands. I started out in IT as a Helpdesk Support Technician about 19 years ago. From there I worked my way up to engineering and architecting mostly by attending (countless) seminars, webinars, IT-orientated congresses and through self-study courses, all of which I still enjoy and do today.

I started focusing on the Citrix portfolio just over five years ago (although I had been involved in Citrix-related projects before that) and around January 1st, 2013 I founded my own personal website/blog over at basvankaam.com where around 75% of my articles are Citrix-related.

I am employed as a Senior Business Consultant working for Salomon IT Solutions. I am involved in various technical as well as non-technical projects throughout the year, and from a technical point of view I specialize in designing, building, maintaining, troubleshooting and optimizing SBC & VDI-oriented infrastructures (mostly Citrix) for mid-sized and larger companies.

As a public speaker I have presented at several national as well as international events, and I will continue to do so going forward. I currently own all major Microsoft and Citrix certifications and throughout the years I have received multiple community related awards and entitlements, here they are:

Citrix Technology Professional (CTP class of 2016), Nutanix Technology Champion (NTC), Citrix Technology Advocate (CTA), Citrix Subject Matter Expert (SME), IGEL Tech Community Insider, Atlantis Community Expert (ACE), Liquidware Tech Insider, and a member of the Inside track for EUC/VDI Vips.

I also really like the community and as such I was thrilled to find out that Citrix founded the CUGC platform (@myCUGC on Twitter & https://www.mycugc.org online) not that long ago (May 2015) which has turned out to be a great success. So, if you have not done so already, give them a visit and sign up!

On a more personal note I love spending time with my two kids Julia and Sophie, and my girlfriend Tineke (2018 update: who is now pregnant, by the way, finally). Besides technology I am also passionate about sports, running and CrossFit in particular, and I like to set myself ambitious but realizable goals throughout the year, something at which I succeed (almost) every time.

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Thank you!