

## About the Author

Hello, my name is Gianpaolo Del Matto. I am your host and welcoming you to phunsites.net.

As you likely imagined, I'm kinda "computer guy" since the early childhood days.

I then started my actual IT career back in 1999 with an ISP by the name of agri.ch, today known as [green.ch](#). From there I moved to the web hosting business, first with [Swiss-Web](#) and later [Genotec](#). There I developed an indepth expertise in building and maintaining scalable and fully-automated web and service hosting environments in both the area of Windows and Linux/BSD.

By 2011 I then joined the network engineering team at [Swisscom](#), Switzerland's biggest Telco, where I'm responsible for internet service access platform and network automation development.

I'm also member of the board of [Nashire](#), a small IT startup company focussing on UNIX/Linux development and IT consulting in general.

During the years I have worked on so many different projects and topics. I've built redundant dns and database clusters, multi-tier mail systems, shared hosting platforms, xdsl and ras/vpn infrastructures, internet and datacenter backbones and many, many more things. I wrote thousands and thousands of lines in Perl, VB, JS, PHP, Pascal, Python, TCL, unix shell scripts and other languages. I enforce the pragma "don't do things twice", so when you need to do it, automate it.

I'm also very sure that I've replaced at least a gazillion of failed hard drives and broken SFPs ?

I have developed an indepth expertise in internet technology in overall, covering all relevant technologies from Windows over Unix/Linux to Networking, with a main focus in Linux and FreeBSD as well as reliable system and network design, also sporting vivid programming knowledge. Since 2006 I'm regularly writing up on my [technical blog](#). I also did as well some publications in (now ceased) german FreeX Unix/Linux magazine and more recently, rediscovered my love for [vintage computing](#).

Of course there are other things besides my professional (and private) obsession to IT and computers. So when not out with friends, I'm a regular pool billard player, bicycle rider and adore Badminton. This is best done with friends of course :-)

I do have a passion for Scotland and a strong admiration of their famous whiskies. I like science in general, which might also explain my special interest in science fiction...

So to speak about sci-fi, there's also my activity in [building a "real" Knight Rider K.I.T.T. replica car](#). This also drove me to electronics and micro controller design and tinkering with micro-computers like the Raspberry Pi, Arduino and the like.

So, I do hope you enjoy your stay on phunsites.net and find something valuable to you.

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Feel free to ask questions, I will try hard to find some time answering them.

And now, enough words, go ahead and enjoy.