

# **Michel Vulpe**

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Michel Vulpe is the Founder and Chief Technology Officer of Infrastructures for Information Inc. (i4i). Mr. Vulpe is an acknowledged leader in creating innovative products permitting real-time collaboration and interaction in the workplace.

A native of Montreal, he attended the University of Victoria (BA Honours) and then graduate school at the University of Toronto (MA), where he studied Political Economics. Mr. Vulpe's first exposure to computer programming was in the R & D group of Geac Computer Corporation Limited in Vancouver, where he worked on projects for distributed text and transaction processing over distributed databases.

After leaving Geac, he established Image OnLine Inc., a firm that specialized in the implementation of complex information technologies. Clients included Yale University, General Motors, the City of Toronto and the Smithsonian Institution.

During a two-year sabbatical at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., he developed a system to track the 120 million items in the Smithsonian's collections.

Mr. Vulpe established i4i Inc. in Toronto in 1993, to focus on the development of core technologies for structured information. He is currently a member of HL7 Working Group and is dedicated to the creation of collaborative software.

Mr. Vulpe has authored patents (most notably the 5,787,449 patent)<sup>1</sup>, and international standards--most notably SEMI E36<sup>2</sup> and CMASS, the foundation for a number of rule-based object systems.

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<sup>1</sup> Method and System for Manipulating the Architecture and the Content of a Document Separately from Each Other.

<sup>2</sup> Semiconductor Equipment Manufacturing Information Tagging Specification.