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Tapescript – Armand

My name is Armand Lecorchet. I've been working in a smart card company which name is Oberthur Card Systems. A French company but worldwide spread and I'm working as a solutions director meaning software edition development and deployment.

A typical day at work begins around nine. Will end around 9:30, 10 in the evening. A very very long day. With maybe one hour, one hour and a half, break for lunchtime and ... well ... 40% of the working day is dedicated to email reading and answering. This is kind of a problem but this is it and most of the time this is customer relationship by email, by phone. Meetings, of course, meetings with the team and as a solution director my main activity is to organise the whole team activity all along the day and to anticipate the schedule and, of course, to solve issues.

In fact this is my first job. I've been working in this company for nine years. I began there as a software developer after graduated at the university. Then I became project manager and I became first team leader and then director.

OK. This is just a funny story because in fact in a few words ... most of my studies I did it with a very good friend, very close friend of mine and when we've been graduated together, in fact, he began to look for some job. And, in fact, he found a job in a software company, a start-up company. While his interview, in fact, he came with our project report where both names were reported. The boss of this start-up just asked 'and what



does the other guy doing at the moment?' 'Nothing? OK, he wants to work? Maybe I can ask?' So, in fact, it's like that.

If I select one thing, the chance to work worldwide with different culture, to meet people from every country. This is very, really, this exchange with people, cultural exchange, it's always a pleasure to meet people, to work with them. On a very short trip we don't have the time to visit this kind of a country but at least we discover these people while working with them.

My company is a French company, so, of course we have French policies, French habits – some are good, some are bad and that's right that it's very very interesting to mix it with a foreign way of working, different culture and this is really very interesting.

OK. Two possibilities, in fact. First one, pilot because I'm crazy about that. It's incredible the pleasure you can have when you're in the sky and just flying. Incredible for me. The other one is very close to my hobbies, in fact, would be certainly to have some company to build houses but, you know, dealing with all this environmental things, etc.