



Visit to The Hague University

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On April the 15th Gepko Sterringa, Leon Glastra van Loon and I went to the city of The Hague to give a [hands on session](#) on programmatically manipulating WSS3.0. After the hands on we were invited to a Capgemini sponsored lan party organized by [SIM](#). SIM is the student union of the department ICT and Media at The Hague University.

A couple of weeks earlier Leon already gave them an insight to the Microsoft portfolio and what it can do for them. Now they had the opportunity to experiment with .NET and WSS3.0

Their first experience with working with Microsoft was not the best, but that was our fault not Microsoft's. Our VPC image was not installed properly for the hands on session so the first thing all students had to do was install WSS3.0 and .NET Framework 3.5 SP1. Unfortunately these installations were very slow on the VPC's. Due to lack of time we turned the hands on into a walkthrough and we explained what we wanted them to do. Halfway in the walkthrough most students were ready to actually begin programming their very first .NET 3.5 program. By the time we've reached the last slide the first programs ran without errors and where adding websites, document libraries and even uploading documents to their newly made document libraries.

By the time everyone had a working program we had a little surprise for them, a programming contest. We've asked everybody to create a Google-like search function in their websites which searches through all documents in all document libraries. Bonus points will be given for a good "I'm feeling lucky" implementation.

On the 20th of May Leon and I will return to The Hague and reward the contesteer with the best program with a Xbox.

In the beginning of the evening the Capgemini lan party would start. When we arrived at the scene we immediately noticed a couple of areas. First was off course the bar which had a nice big Capgemini logo on it. Second were all the big screens with dance mats and rock bands setups. Very high entertainment value, not just fun to watch.



I asked them: "Please be gentle it's my first time." Unfortunately they chose a number which required a drummer with some sense of rhythm.

Last but not least we also noticed about 40 laptops which Capgemini supplied for the lan party. Off course no drinking near the laptops and to make sure everyone respected the rules we supervised the gaming area. If you look at the other pictures you can see we've took a jobs very serious.

Around 23:00 the party was over and all that was left were the prizes for all the winners of the lan party. Unfortunately we competed out of competition, otherwise we would definitely have won the prize for highest entertainment value.

We really enjoyed the afternoon in the classroom and the evening at the lan party. Our thanks go to all the people of SIM who organized a great day.

More pictures can be found on the [Capriolen](#) site.