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Derek Bullen: Engineer, Artist, Musician, Family Man, Programmer, and Entrepreneur.

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Derek Bullen is President and CEO of S.i. Systems Ltd., a talent agency for IT professionals that Alberta Venture magazine ranked #27 of the fastest growing companies in Alberta.

In his role as President and CEO, Derek blends the creativity and precision that earned him both an ARCT from the Toronto Royal Conservatory of Music and a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Calgary. Derek's entrepreneurial skill is further evidenced by his inclusion as finalist in both the Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year for the prairie region (1998) and the Calgary Chamber of Commerce (1999) Small Business Owner of the Year.

Derek balances his professional and personal life by making a point of taking 60 days off each year to spend with his wife and three children. Derek is also an active community and church supporter.

Within 4 years of launching his programming career, Derek advanced to Managing Director of a European technology company. In 1991, he returned to Canada and established S.i.Systems Ltd. in Calgary, Alberta.