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This 8 years old kid is the son of Dr Shah Thobani who is the CEO of Thobson Technologies, Pakistan’s Largest Managed Infrastructure Solution Provider. Dr Thobani has served industry for over two decades now.

Living with Technology and Computer environment, this wire-head kid has been using computer games, X-Box, PSP, Wii, Mobiles, Laptops, iPad, Server, Switches and all the technology installation, integration & deployment facilities available at home and his father’s office.
The Background

Recent research has suggested that a blood flow to the part of the brain responsible for mathematical calculations of six to seven times the normal rate is one of the factors that enable mental calculators to work out math much faster than the average person.

This little child performs complex mental calculation techniques of numbers in his head extremely fast than the other counterparts.

Keeping all the logical, mathematical and technology interest in mind, the family decided to provide all possible technology at home to encourage the child’s interest.
The Challenge

Teaching a 4 to 5 years old kid on how to Turn-On & Turn-Off computers and playing with MS-Paint and other games, is not an issue.

However teaching kid about the TCP/IP, the Subnet Mask, the Protocols, VPN, Tunneling, Direct-X, BranchCache, Bit-Locker, App-Locker, File System and Encryption with concepts like the Binary System and Wireless Technologies and all that was a big challenge for the entire team.

We decided to took it as a Research Project to explore the child’s mental power. Infact a very fascinating and thought provoking facts were revealed as part of this project.

Surprisingly we found that a child brain works 20 times faster than us and has a permanent memory about 50 times more than an elder guy.

The only theory we learned is that the pursuance for excellence is the real meaning of education and this kid has proven this by learning things very quickly. But the basis of all was the strong concept development. And if you give a wrong concept to the child, it is really very difficult to wipe his brains and therefore it was very crucial and paramount to ensure that we have the right people for the right job.

We are glad that the whole project was handled by the Microsoft Certified Trainers and experienced IT Professional with all the Technology and Resources made available on time.

Infact the whole curriculum was changed and customized, we had to switch from Module-to-Module and there were long discussions on what to teach and how to teach, what examples to use and what not.

The roadmap as to what he will be able to understand and what not, infact it was a very very difficult Project where almost a group of 6 people working together to assist this child and help him achieve his dreams for over 13 months continuously.
The Achievement

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I used to believe that the video games and computer will ruin child’s career and interest in studies and I never allowed to my son when my son was young but seeing my Grand Son Shafay, the way he was moving ahead in Technology and using Technology as a tool to enhance his mental skills. At the age of 75 now, I have changed my believes in fact I have to admit that kids who play video games have some pretty incredible skills, which they have clearly developed by logging many hours on the joystick or keyboard. Unfortunately, most of the skills seem to involve shooting aliens, or jacking cars, or shooting aliens and many other all creative and educational games.

Amina Thobani
Grand Mother

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About Shafay Thobani

Young and genius Pakistani kid broke the world record by passing the Microsoft’s Exam on 09 April 2012 thru Authorized Prometric Testing Center and becoming world’s most youngest MCTS - Microsoft Certified Technology Specialist - at the age of 8-years and 24 days only.

- **Name**: Shafay Thobani
- **Fathers Name**: Dr Shah Thobani
- **Date of Birth**: 13 March 2004
- **Place of Birth**: Texas, USA
- **Age**: 8 Years
- **Class**: 3rd
- **Candidate ID**: SR8015730
- **Registration No**: vc5syd50b5
- **Score**: 910 Marks out of 1000 - 91% Percent
- **Key Skills**:  
  - Microsoft Windows 7 Configuration  
  - Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2  
  - Microsoft Hyper-V Virtualization
- **Family Distinction**: His father Dr Shah Thobani has served IT Industry for over 2 decades. He was:
  - CEO of Thobson Technologies 1999 to-date
  - CEO of AOL Pakistan from 1997 to 2000.
  - Country Manager IT, The British Council from 1989 to 1997
  - Convenor, The Agha Khan Department Of Computer Studies from 1985 to 1991

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The Hardship Behind Success

This is what it takes him to achieve the great achievement.

For almost 13 months, the child used to follow the following schedule:

- 6:00am : Wakeup & Get ready for School
- 7:30am : Go to School
- 1:30pm : Get off from school
- 2:00pm : Reach Father’s Office
- 2:00pm to 2:30 : Lunch Break
- 2:30pm to 8:30 pm : Was taking classes for Computer (almost 5 hours a day)
Custom Training Labs

The Training Lab was designed at the National IT Park in Karachi at Thobson Technologies in such a manner that a dedicated area for training with all the advance facilities and technologies were made available including:

- A Training Facility for this child using 1,000 Sq Ft Training Area.
- All the Resources, including 3 Desktops, Switches, Routers and Laptops.
- All Official Microsoft Curriculum - MOC including Media and Installation.
- The Microsoft Official Curriculum is a 40 Hours Training was split over 13 Months and that was all Customized MOC.
- Keeping the Child Interest in mind, Professional Microsoft Certified Trainers were hired to make this task a reality.
- Professional Microsoft Certified Trainers including MCT Mr Faisal Durrani and MCITP Mr Hitesh Kumar, Mr Aamir Amjad, Mr Raheel Shaukhat, Mr Shehzad Thobani along with Dr Shah Thobani teamed up together to draw a line of action.
- Keeping the age factor in mind, a dedicated game area for the kid was developed with all the indoor games like Ludo, Chess, Draft, Dart Games, Arcade Games and all the indoor games were arranged.
- Since the training was such a long 5 hours, the child were given breaks during and after each lesson for different games too.
- Every Module was an achievement and various prices and gifts were announced through out the 13 months to keep the child motivated and to encourage him.
Sports & Activities
My Wish List

- I want to work for poor people of my country
- I want to Meet Bill Gates
- I want to be like my dad
- I want to run my own Technology company
- I want to teach my friends everything and share the power of technology
- I want to help my country
Behind the Scene

- Dr Shah Thobani (Father)
  President & CEO
  Thobson Technologies

- Mr Faisal Durrani (Teacher)
  Microsoft Certified Trainer

- Mr Shehzad Thobani
  Course Co-ordinator
  MOC Customization

- Mr Hitesh Kumar
  Instructor
  Hardware & Networking Concepts

- Mr Aamir Amjad
  Lab Instructor

- Mr Raheel Shaukat
  Co-ordinator
  Tests and Reviews

- Mr Asif Hussain
  Co-ordinator
  Online Resources

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World’s Youngest Technology Specialist
Training Center (WYTP)

Keeping the child’s dreams to bring a revolution in country by providing unique technology offerings that supports needs of youth of Pakistan, Dr Shah Thobani has dedicated a 1,000 Sq Feet Facility for developing the training center where he will personally lend time and expertise focused on youth of Pakistan.

The WYTP Training Center is planned to be launched third quarter of year 2013.

“I love challenges! And specially teaching a child about the Advanced Technology Solutions is really an Art!"

Dr Shah Thobani
President & Chief Executive
Thobson Group Of Companies
Testimonials

“Congratulations! Your son has made 180 million Pakistanis to be proud as well. Best Wishes.”
Pervez Abbasi
CEO
Mobile Zone Pakistan

“Many Many congrats on this momentous occasion. You have made us all proud again.”
ASIM MANIYA
Manager Sales & Marketing
Esys Pakistan Pvt Ltd
(Microsoft Distributors)

“With you guiding him, I didn’t have a doubt in my mind that he would achieve this. Looks like I gotta feed my kids those canteen chips too :) many congratulations.”
ALI ALLAWALA
CEO
Amigo Industries Pvt Ltd

“Dr Shah, many congrats to you and your family. Great Achievement”
Nadeem Khan
Microsoft Pakistan

“I’ve been into teaching profession for over eight years now & have taught IT Courses to over 800 students across Pakistan. I must say that he is an extra ordinary brilliant student I’ve ever seen”
FAISAL DURRANI
Microsoft Certified Trainer

“Many Many congrats on this momentous occasion. You have made us all proud again”
Asim Maniya
Manager Sales & Marketing
Esys Pakistan Pvt Ltd
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“Congrats! Wish you all the best. When is the party?”
SHAKIL VANA
Chairman
Vana Group Of Industries

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Testimonials

"Congratulations Dr Shah. He certainly is a pride for the whole Nation. Well done, keep it up."
VAQR NAQVI
CEO
Kabul Interior

"Congratulations. I am very glad to hear this great news. Wishing you and your family more success."
SONYA BATTAL
Fashion Designer
www.SonyaBatla.com

"We all love you Shafay. You have done a wonderful achievement and retained this award in Pakistan."
KASIM JAWWAJ
Manager IT
General Group Of Companies

"It is a great achievement by a young Pakistan. Congrats."
SHUJA KHAN
GM IT
Hilton Pharma Pvt Ltd
URL: www.hiltonpharma.com

"Congrats to you and your family on your son's success. May God bless you."
ASIF QADRI
Manager IT
Jinnah Medical College
URL: www.jmc.edu.pk

"Congratulations! Made the nation feel proud again."
OMAR IQBAL
Burf Bank

"Congrats! Wish you all the best When is the party?"
SHAKIL VANA
Chairman
Vana Group Of Industries

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Testimonials

“A log of congrats to you and your son and the entire family members on this milestone achievement. May Allah grant him more success in future.”

SAIF ULLAH KHAN
Manager Information Technology
Salma Packaging Pvt Ltd

“Great! So we can expect to have our own Bill Gates now :-()”

AMjad BAHADUR ALI
Chief Financial Officer
Allianz EFU

“MashAllah! Many congratulations.”

WAQAS REHAN
CEO
Geoform Pharmaceuticals

“Congratulations! A very proud moment for Thobani family and Pakistan indeed.”

FAISAL LODHIA
General Manager
DFB Gympsum Pvt Ltd

“Heartiest Congratulations to you and your son, we always pray for him. He is another geneous like you.”

ASLAM PERVEZ
Manager IT
Karachi Gymkhana
URL: www.kg.com.pk

“Dr Sahab accept my congratulations to you and your son and your family for this highest achievement. I met him last month and he is a real tech-kid!”

SHAKIL QUreshi
Manager Information Technology
Martindow Pvt Limited

“Congratulations! Alhamdolullilah it is definately a great honour for us to hear about this success. May Allah keep your son and your entire family under the umbrella of Hi Hifz-O-Amaan all the time and every where. Ameen.”

S M ZUBAIR
CEO
F W Fabrications Pvt Ltd

“Mashallah Mubarak May Allah SWT give him more success. Congrats”

QADIR SUBHANI
General Manager
Arwen Tech Pvt Ltd

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Testimonials

"Congratulations ! to you, your family and your brilliant son"
ZUBAIR WAHEED
General Manager
SwissTex Checmicals Pvt Ltd

"Oh my God ! You are rocking my friend. My best wishes to you."
HASAN SHAIKH
Contact Center Consulting

"Another blast from Thobson, come on man, do you want to break all the records in your family. I will send my kid to you, he is 5 and I want him to do it by 6 :-)"
WAQAR NASEEM
General Manager IT
Adamjee Group

"Shafay made the whole nation feel proud. Many Congratulations !"
ASIF HUSSAIN
Thobson Technologies

"Congratulations Dr Shah Another Bill Gates has born, your sons has done a remarkable achievement. I knew the efforts that you been doing over a year now to train this child would definaly pay someday."
ALI AHSRAF
Country Channel Manager
ABS Pakistan Pvt Ltd

"MashAllah ! That's indeed a great success Shah sb. I wish him all the best for his future endeavor."
FARAZ HAQ
Channel Manager
Hewlett Packar Pakistan

"Congratulations. This is fantastic news. May Allah always bless & protect him & guide him and keep him ahead in knowledge and imaam. My best wishes to you & your entire family & to all those who are associated with his success."
BELAL YUSUF
CEO
Syndicate Information Technology