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Today's kids have grown up in the age of online communication, networking, the internet, cell phones, digital music and digital cable, they have had different childhood experiences compared with other generations. This makes them more likely to react differently than their older counterparts to technology and learning initiatives.

Born 13 March 2004 in Texas, USA, Shafay Thobani is a young IT prodigy from Pakistan who started learning computers at the age of 4.

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.





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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 counter parts.

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

- ▶ Born 13 March 2004, Shafay Thobani is a young IT prodigy from Pakistan who started learning Computers at the age of 4.
- This 8 Years old has been under the training of Microsoft Certified Trainers for last 13 months.
- On 09 April 2012 Shafay Thobani appeared in the Prometric Tests and has secured 910 Marks out of 1000 (91% Percent)
- He came to prominence by becoming The World's Youngest Microsoft Certified Technology Specialist in the world at the age of 8 years and 24 Days.



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 infact 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





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 : SR8015730Registration 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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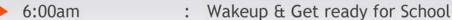
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The Hardship Behind Success

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

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



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)







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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:

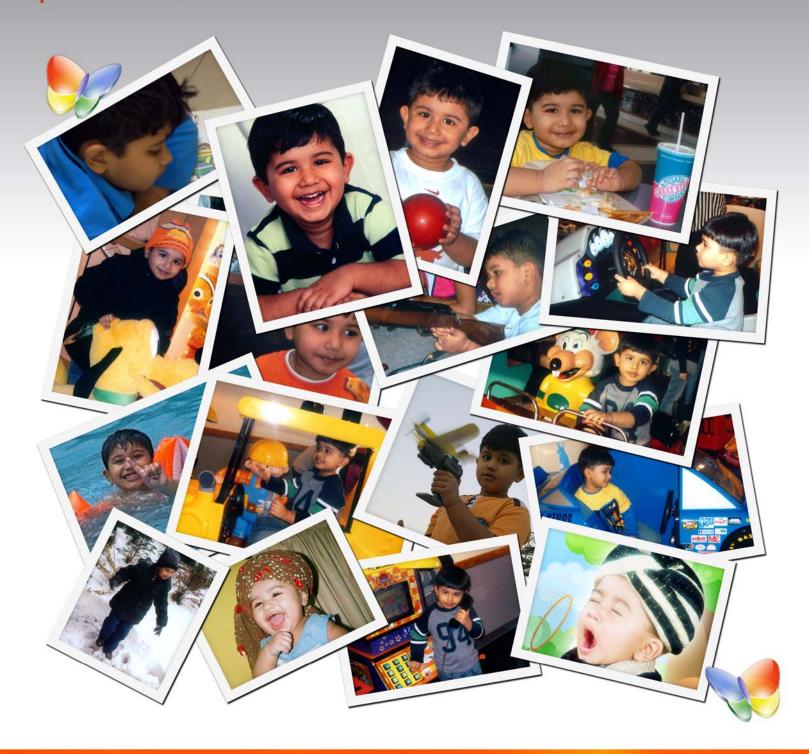
- ► A Training Facility for this child using 1,000 Sq Ft Training Area.
- All the Resources, including 3 Desktops, Switches, Routers and Laptops.
- All Official Microsoft Curriculum MOC including Media and Installation.
- ► The Microsoft Official Curriculum is a 40 Hours Training was split over 13 Months 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.





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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

I want to help my country



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Behind the Scene

- Dr Shah Thobani (Father)President & CEOThobson 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



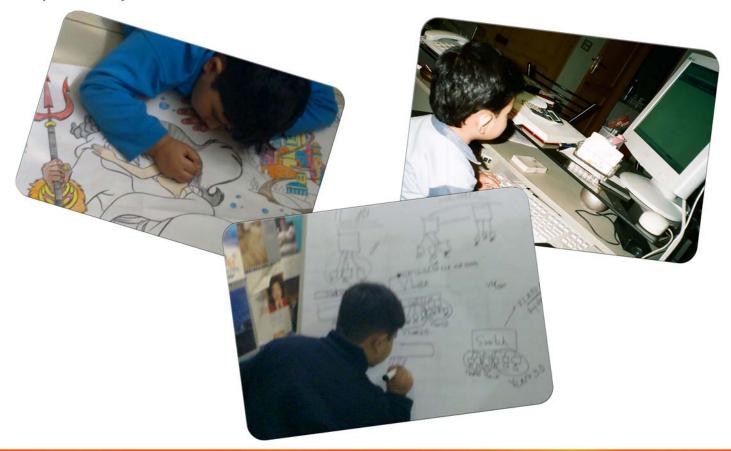
World's Youngest Technology Specialist Training Center (WYTP)

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

"With you guiding him, I didn't have a doubt in my mind that he would achieve this. Looks lke I gotta feed my kids those canteen chips t oo :-) many congratulations."

> ALI ALLAWALA CEO Amigo Industrires Pvt Ltd

"Many Many congrats on this momentous occassion. You have made us all proud again." ASIM MANIYA Manager Sales & Marketing Esys Pakistan Pyt Ltd

(Microsoft Distributors)

"I've been into teaching profession for over eight years now & have taught IT Cousese 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

"Dr Shah, many congrats to you and your family. Great Achievement"

Nadeem Khan Microsoft Pakistan

"Many Many congrats on this momentous occassion. You have made us all proud again"

> Asim Maniya Manager Sales & Marketing Esys Pakistan Pvt Ltd (Microsoft Distributors)

"Congrats! Wish you all the best. When is the party?"

SHAKIL VANA Chairman Vana Group Of Industries





Testimonials

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

> VAQAR NAQVI CEO Kabul Interior

"Congratulations.

I am very glad to hear this
great news. Wishing you and your
family more sucess."

SONYA BATTLA
Fashion Designer
www.SonyaBattla.com

"We all love you Shafay. You have done a wonderful achievement and retained this award in Pakistan."

KAZIM JAWWAD 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 Medial College URL: www.jmc.edu.pk

"Congratulations! Made the nation feel proud again."

> OMAR IQBAL Burj Bank

""Congrats! Wish you all the best When is the party?"

SHAKIL VANA Chairman Vana Group Of Industries





Testimonials

"MashAllah! Many congratulations."

WAQAS REHAN CEO Geofman Pharmaceuticals "A log of congrats to you and your son and the entire family members on this milesstone achievement. May Allah grant him more success in future."

> SAIF ULLAH KHAN Manager Information Technology Saima Packaging Pvt Ltd

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

> AMJAD BAHADUR ALI Chief Financial Officer Allianz EFU

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

FAISAL LODHIA General Manager DFB Gympsum Pvt Ltd "Heartiest Congratuations to you and your son, we always pray for him. He is another geneious 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

> > "Mashallah Mubarak May Allah SWT give him more success. Congrats"

> > > QADIR SUBHANI General Manager Arwen Tech Pvt Ltd

"Congratulations! Alhamdollilah It is definately a great honour for us to hear about this sucess. 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



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"Congratulations!"

DR NASEEMA KAPADIA Secretary Pakistan Association of Dermatologist "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 & protecthim & guide him and keep him ahead in knowledge and imaan. My best wishes to you & your entire family & to all those who are associated with his success."

BELAL YUSUF CEO Syndicate Information Technology