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Johannes Anthony (Hans) Sassenburg was born on February 18th, 1960 in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. He graduated from high school at Develsteijncollege in Zwijndrecht, the Netherlands, in 1978, and received a Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the Eindhoven University of Technology, the Netherlands, in October 1986.

During his study years Hans founded a consulting firm and worked as an independent consultant until 1993. From March 1993 until June 1996 he worked for a large company as a senior business consultant for various industrial companies. He specialized in Software Process Improvement with a strong focus on aligning software measures [Software Management] with business objectives [Economics].

In 1996 Hans co-founded a new consulting firm, called Alert Automation Services. This company specialized in training and consulting in the field of Software Process Improvement and Software Architecture. In 2000 the company was sold, at that time employing 25 qualified engineers. From 1996 till 2001 he worked as a guest lecturer, and later as an associate professor, at the Eindhoven University of Technology. In 1996 he co-founded the Dutch network for Software Process Improvement (SPIDER) and chaired the network from 1996 until 2001.

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