

EUC

MAVERICK

RENE BIGLER

SNOWBOARDER
& EUC CHANGE AGENT

IN THE HIGH-STAKES
WORLD OF IT SERVICES,
EUC MAVERICKS

**“CHALLENGE
EVERYTHING”**

WITH IGEL

Each year IGEL awards the title of
EUC MAVERICK to IT PROFESSIONALS at
the top of their game.

★ MAV STATS ★

NAME: René Bigler

OCCUPATION: IT visionary,
a.k.a. “EUC Disruptor”

**NUMBER OF YEARS IN
TECHNOLOGY/EUC:** 20+
years

FIRST JOB: Apprenticeship
at a Swiss insurance
agency

HOMETOWN: Thun,
Switzerland

FIRST CAR: Red Mitsubishi
Eclipse Sports Wagon

FAVORITE FOOD: Italian -
Pizza and Pasta

FAVORITE SAYING:
“If you’re the smartest
person in the room, you’re
in the wrong room.”

HOBBIES: Snowboarding
during the winter months.

EUC MAVERICK: RENE BIGLER

“With IGEL OS, we have a solution for converting old PCs and laptops wherever possible which enables us to use these devices for longer. That’s the benefit of combining VDI with IGEL OS.” ~ René Bigler

René Bigler teaches part time and is Head of the Informatics Department for Berufsbildungszentrum IDM, a government-funded public vocational college based in the Swiss Canton of Bern. The school enrolls more than 3,000 students each year, and provides practical hands-on courses in a broad range of subjects, everything from automotive mechanics, plumbing, construction and logistics to hairdressing, floristry and gardening. The school has a staff and faculty of around 300 people.

Part of a team of three IT professionals who managed Berufsbildungszentrum IDM’s technology infrastructure, René also teaches one day a week and believes it gives him the best of both worlds. Berufsbildungszentrum IDM has been using IGEL since 2012, and initially **deployed IGEL thin clients and IGEL OS to support Citrix VDI and simplify the management of a fleet of desktop computers that were almost five years old at the time, and considered ancient in terms of hardware lifecycles.**

“Our budgets are very limited and we couldn’t afford a complete hardware refresh,” said René. “In IGEL OS, we found a solution for converting our aging PCs and laptops, which at one time had Windows XP, Vista and Windows 7 running on them, further extending the life of these endpoints. **That’s the benefit of using VDI and a dedicated lightweight endpoint OS as offered by IGEL, ultimately it has saved our team a tremendous amount of time, resources, and money.**”

Currently, Berufsbildungszentrum IDM currently has about **700 endpoints (including IGEL UD3 thin clients) running IGEL OS, that are all managed by IGEL Universal Management Suite (UMS).**

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IGEL enabled us to further extend the life of our desktop computers, many that were already 5+ years old and considered ancient in terms of hardware lifecycles.”



WHAT’S AN EUC MAVERICK?

EUC Mavericks are at the very top of their game **“CHALLENGING EVERYTHING”** in the delivery of cutting-edge IT services. René was inducted by IGEL into the **EUC MAVERICKS HALL OF FAME** in April 2022.