

Profile

A highly-skilled IT Consultant and Project Manager offering over 30 years of wide-ranging experience embracing all aspects of computer systems planning, development and support.

Within the Ford Motor Company, I have recently specialised in the area of IT security, controls and compliance.

Having recently retired from Ford, I am available for short-term contract assignments in any location or longer-term assignments within commuting distance of home.

I am a car owner with a clean driving licence.

Professional Qualifications and Memberships

- Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA)
- 6 Sigma Green Belt
- Member of the Institute for the Management of Information Systems (MIMIS)

Employment History

Mar 2000—Apr 2009

Ford Motor Company

Security & Controls Champion (Apr 2007—Apr 2009)

Acting as an internal consultant, within my division, on all matters relating to IT security, audit, controls & legal compliance.

Controlling the annual *File Retention Review* and *System Compliance Review* programmes; reviewing Infrastructure/application compliance on systems under development.

Planning for Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity.

I also helped run a programme to gauge IT-Department knowledge of the issues arising from overseas resourcing.

Telecommunications Partners Liaison (Jun 2006—Apr 2007)

Conducted regular operational reviews with infrastructure suppliers.

Provided support in reviewing & drafting of support & telephony contract renewals with two major suppliers,

Controlled the telephony infrastructure self-audit programme.

Infrastructure Interface Manager (Mar 2000—Jun 2006)

Due Diligence Infrastructure Audits on Mergers Acquisitions and Disposals relating to joint ventures and subsidiaries.

Contract Review, Drafting & Negotiation; Process Reengineering; Quotations & Proposals, Project Management Oversight to ensure policies & standards compliance; customer interface & liaison.

- Mar 1998—Feb 2000 **Primelink Ltd** (own company)
- A variety of freelance 'consultancy' assignments, including the setting-up of a motor dealership help-desk in association with the Ford Motor Company who subsequently offered me an in-house contract which later became permanent.
- Nov 1996—Apr 1998 **Grantham Cutler Ltd** (part-owner)
Marketing & Administration Manager—Legal Systems
- Managed the set-up and provision of pre and post sales support in a start-up company.
- Provided marketing and sales for legal and general accounting systems.
- Also responsible for general management of in-house administrative functions.
- Jan 1994—Nov 1996 **City Computers (Timeslice Ltd)**
Marketing Manager—Insurance & Legal Systems
- Provided direction to the sales and marketing of Insurance, Legal & Distribution software. The scope covered: pre-sales, sales, sales lead management, 'Invitation to Tender' responses, drafting contracts, marketing communications and the Project Management of events/exhibitions.
- Sep 1992—Oct 1993 **Freelance Course Developer—Cross Cultural Training**
- Researched, developed, and ran cross-cultural training programmes for Japanese, designed to overcome social and communication problems caused by cultural differences.
- Mar 1987—Aug 1992 **Wang (UK) Ltd**
Marketing Manager—Finance, Insurance and Legal Products
- I joined Wang as an experienced IT Consultant and systems developer but quickly moved into the area of sales and marketing which also required an in-depth understanding of the relevant business applications.
- I was particularly responsible for returning to company's EDI (Electronic Data Interchange) product to viability and the support structure I devised also provided a system support framework with which to handle all third party products marketed by Wang
- Previous Experience 20+ years of commercial systems development to a senior level including positions of **IT Manager** with **Pitney Bowes Leasing** and **Group IT Manager** with **Hay Management Consultants**.
- For PB Leasing, I set-up green-field IT sites in the UK and Germany, subsequently developing applications to meet both countries' requirements.
- While at Hay Consulting, I restructured the IT department including its financial controls, methodologies and operating philosophy