

Key Skills

- Innovative, creative thinker with a positive, flexible and open-minded approach to problem solving
- Wide experience of different tools, technologies and technical environments. Strong experience in system integration.
- Effective communicator and trainer, with both technical staff and customers
- Fast and enthusiastic learner, able to rapidly understand and utilise new skills and techniques.
- Able to work flexibly and effectively alone or within a team at all levels

Primary Technical Skills

Operating Systems:

Windows NT, 9x, 2000, XP. Some Linux. Mainframe: MVS/CICS

Languages/Technologies:

HTML, Javascript, PHP, Perl, VBScript/ASP, CSS, XML/XSL, COBOL, DB2/SQL, MySQL, IIS

Recent courses attended:

Consultancy skills , Jakob Nielson Web usability workshop.

Secondary Technical Skills

Languages/Technologies:

Visual Basic, Access, SQL Server, MQ Series, REXX, PL/1, Java, DCF/Script, Easytrieve+, Apache, Word macros, Intelligent agents. Recently started looking into .NET, Linux and OpenOffice/StarOffice.

Courses attended:

Training the Trainers (giving Technical Training),
Structured Systems Development & Structured Database Design,
Java programming

Experience

May 2002 – date.

Technoleg Taliesin Cyf.

Founded independent IT consultancy company (Technoleg Taliesin Cyf. www.technoleg-taliesin.com). Concentrating on development of Content Management tools for bi-lingual websites. Recent work has included development of a content-managed website for Ceredigion Archives (<http://www.archifdy-ceredigion.org.uk>). The site allows immediate update of the bi-lingual text by the site owner, and incorporates a complete free-text searchable copy of the Archive Schedules (approx 3000 A4 pages). The tools were developed especially for the site, using PHP, MySQL and XML/XSLT. Currently developing tools to allow simple user update of bi-lingual web content. Other current and recent work includes projects for the National Library of Wales, University of Wales, Aberystwyth, Forestry Commission Wales, Welsh Development Agency and the University of Wisconsin, and website development for a number of local businesses and community organisations. More details are on the company website.

Feb 2003- June 2004

Coleg Ceredigion

Part-time lecturer teaching various Software Development and Web Design modules for National Diploma (BTEC).

1993 – April 2002

Zurich Financial Services, Cheltenham, GL52 8XX (formerly Eagle Star Insurance/British American Financial Services)

IT Consultant

August 2000 – April 2002

- **Document Imaging and workflow.** Responsible for designing and building browser-based (Intranet) interface for systems integrating document imaging and workflow applications provided by external suppliers.
- **Telesales system:** design and lead developer on joint build with external software house of intranet site to support travel insurance telesales operation, including quotation and sales/credit card processing and direct links to back-

office systems. Also delivered end-user training on new system.

- **Company internet site.** Development and enhancement of new Eagle Star personal insurance website, including implementation of intelligent agent technology, and modification of Java-based web quotation system. (www.eaglestar.co.uk)

Feb 1993 – August 2000

- Architect of project to re-engineer main Commercial Insurance back office system (COGEN). This project successfully reduced the timescale for new product build by 90%.
- Designer and lead developer of 'proof of concept' to build web front-end quotation capability and electronic links to back office systems for Commercial Insurance systems.
- Following merger of Eagle Star and Zurich, technical expert on team considering post-merger IT strategy for merged company.
- Developed and presented training courses on various technical subjects.
- Development and monitoring of departmental standards, evaluating and recommending development tools. Designing and implementing enhancements to all aspects of production systems.

Dec 1979 – Dec 1992

Pearl Assurance, Peterborough, Cambs

Trainee – Senior Analyst Programmer

Worked on the full range of development tasks, on mainframe systems supporting the General Insurance business. Learned and applied structured techniques. Started providing technical training, both formal and informal.

Sept 1978 – July 1979

St Andrews Students Union: Shop assistant

Education

Higher Education

1974 – 1978 *University of St Andrews: BSc Astronomy*

Secondary Education

1965-1974 *Stamford School, Lincs: 3 A Levels, 11 O Levels*

Adult education

'A' levels : Welsh, English Literature. Several years as part-time student on Welsh-medium external degree at University of Wales, Aberystwyth. Currently studying for part-time MA in Local History at Trinity College Carmarthen.

Personal Details

Date of Birth: 13th November 1956

Marital Status: Single

Driver's Licence: Full clean licence

Languages: Functionally fluent written and spoken Welsh

Interests

Researching history of local parish, publishing results as a bi-lingual website (www.llangynfelyn.org.uk). The site went live in April 1999, and is now nearly 400 pages. Developed several other small sites for various purposes, mainly connected with local and family history, including www.welshmariners.co.uk. Both the parish and mariners site have been selected by the National Library of Wales for inclusion in their 'Wales on the Web' site (www.walesontheweb.org) which is " a subject gateway to high quality websites about all aspects of Wales."

Currently studying for part-time M.A. in Local History at Trinity College Carmarthen.

Welsh speaker (second language), currently also learning Irish.

Member of Llangynfelyn Community Council (2002-date, Chair 2005-6)

Trustee of Cyd (2004-date, Chair 2005-date).

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