

JOHN CHIVERS

Personal Details

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Date of Birth	13th June 1971
Marital Status	Married

General Skills Summary

- Employed as IT professional since 1996
- First Class BA (Hons) degree in Modern Languages (German, French, Russian)
- 2 years' study / work experience abroad
- Professionally qualified as teacher
- Experience as a freelance translator
- Full and clean HGV Class 1 and 2, car, and motorcycle driving licence
- Project management experience
- Excellent standard of written English

IT Skills Summary

- Employed as IT professional since 1996
- Web application development and website design (Adobe ColdFusion, PHP)
- Database design, maintenance and usage (SQL Server, MySQL, Interbase, DB2)
- Software localisation and internationalisation
- Multimedia creation (Adobe Premiere, Steinberg Cubase, Steinberg Wavelab)
- Rich Media presentation creation (Macromedia Flash, Opus)
- Graphics and Desktop Publishing (Adobe Photoshop, Quark Xpress)
- Office Applications (Microsoft Office, OpenOffice)

Current Role

Currently working as Web Application Developer for a multi-national developer of software products for the woodworking, stone, and metal fabrication industries. I have developed, continue to develop and maintain a bespoke CMS (Content Management System) for all our company brand websites and for use by all our resellers.

Education

1994 - 1995	University of Hull <i>Post Graduate Certificate in Education (Modern Languages)</i> Course included two teaching practices in different schools.
1990 - 1994	Coventry University <i>BA (Hons) in Modern Languages (First Class)</i> Course consisted of German and French as main languages, with options in Russian and Technical Translation. Third year of study was spent at university in Potsdam, Germany, and Grenoble, France.
1984 - 1989	Oakbank School, Oakworth, Keighley 4 'A' Levels: German, French, Computer Science, General Studies 6 'O' Levels: English, Maths, German, French, Computer Studies, Music 2 CSEs: History, Physics

Employment History

DATES	POSITION	MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES
Jan 1999 - Present	Language Support Manager / Web Application Developer Licom Systems Ltd Coventry	Responsible for software localisation (translation) of the company's software, help files and documentation; website design and web application development; brochure design and creation.
Jul 1997 – Jan 1999	IT Specialist IBM Warwick	Involvement in various IT projects as a member of the IBM Global Services Unit. Particular projects included mainframe software development and networking services (web farm administration).
Feb 1996 - Mar 1997	Technical Co-ordinator Comtec Translations Leamington Spa	IT development and promotion in translation agency, consultancy, liaison with clients and suppliers, troubleshooting and maintenance. Authoring of ISO9002 quality procedures and exploitation of computer assisted translation.
Jul 1995 - Feb 1996	Translations Co-ordinator Comtec Translations Leamington Spa	Translation checking, proof-reading and reformatting, project management.

Additional temporary employment history includes two teaching practice placements in secondary schools; a total of one year's hotel reception work in Switzerland; work as a bank cashier, supermarket work, factory shop-floor work, and voluntary work on a private steam railway.

Hobbies and Interests

Music Performance	Drumming has been a part of my life since 1981. I also play classical guitar, mandolin and piano to varying degrees of proficiency. I have written, recorded, and performed original music in the context of a band and also performed live with covers bands. I have a great interest in quality music performed by real musicians.
Badminton	I have played badminton since 2002.
Skiing	I have had marvellous opportunities to pursue this interest, through school trips and during my time working and studying abroad.
Computers	Having been involved with computers since 1981, I have written several complex programs, authored web applications, including e-commerce solutions and CMS systems, and am familiar with many types of software, including word processors, spreadsheets and database servers and clients. My career has seen me fully responsible for IT implementation and maintenance at a translation agency.
Languages	As well as being the subject of my studies at university, I thoroughly enjoy learning languages and hope to expand on my knowledge of them in the future.
Politics and History	Studying German and French history and politics has helped me to develop an objective interest in British, European and world politics.
Motorcycling and Driving	I enjoy motorcycling and driving and hold a full and clean licence for HGV Class 1 and 2, car, and motorcycle.

References

Personal references are available on request.