

JOHN CHIVERS

Personal Details

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General Skills Summary

- Extensive experience of IT use and applications in workplace (see below)
- First Class B.A. (Hons) degree in Modern Languages (German/French/Russian)
- Fluent German and French. Excellent standard of written English
- 2 years' study/work experience abroad
- Professionally qualified as teacher (PGCE Modern Languages)
- Full and clean driving licence
- Project management experience

IT Skills Summary

- Employed as IT professional since 1996
- Web application development, e-commerce, and website design
- Database design, maintenance, and usage
- Software localisation and internationalisation
- Multimedia creation (movies, music, and presentational software)
- Graphics and DTP
- Office applications (word processors, spreadsheets)

Current Role

Currently working as Web Application Developer in a marketing team for a multi-national developer of CAD/CAM software products for the manufacturing 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 Post Graduate Certificate in Education (Modern Languages)**
University of Hull
Course included two teaching practices in different schools.
- 1990-1994 B.A. (Hons) Modern Languages (First Class)**
Coventry University
German and French as main languages, with options in Russian and Technical Translation. Third year spent studying in Potsdam, Germany and Grenoble, France.
- 1984-1989 4 A Levels, 6 O Levels, 2 CSEs**
Oakbank School, Oakworth, Keighley, West Yorkshire
A Levels: German, French, Computer Science, General Studies
O Levels: English, Maths, German, French, Computer Studies, Music
CSEs: History, Physics

Employment History

January 1999 – Present Web Application Developer, Language Support Manager Current employer details available on request. Home based	Responsible for design, development, coding, and maintenance of bespoke Web applications for company and resellers. Management of software localisation tasks, including help files, documentation, and software resource files.
July 1997 – January 1999 IT Specialist IBM, Warwick	Involvement in various IT projects as member of IBM Global Services Unit. Y2K work, mainframe software development and networking services (Web farm).
February 1996 – March 1997 Technical Co-ordinator Translation Co-ordinator Comtec Translations Leamington Spa	Responsible for IT development and deployment in translation agency. Liaison with clients and suppliers, creation of ISO9002 QA procedures, implementation of Computer Assisted Translation. 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 in a gift shop on the Keighley and Worth Valley railway.

Hobbies and Interests

Motorcycling and Driving	I enjoy motorcycling and am a full member of the Institute of Advanced Motorists and RoSPA, having passed the IAM motorcycle and car advanced tests with a distinction (F1rst) and the IAM motorcycle Masters test with distinction: the highest possible civilian riding qualification. I have also passed the RoSPA advanced riding test with a gold (the highest RoSPA grade). I am an IMI-certified National Observer (trainer) for my local IAM group, where I provide theory and on-the-road tuition to help associate members attain advanced test standard. I hold a clean driving licence for motorbike and car, and have also passed the HGV Class 1 and 2 driving tests.
Music Performance	I have played the drums since 1981 and play classical guitar, mandolin, and piano to varying degrees of proficiency. I have written, arranged and recorded music, both solo and as part of various groups. I have also performed extensively with originals and cover bands.
Skiing	I have had opportunities to pursue this interest through school trips and during my time working and studying abroad.
Languages	As well as being the subject of my studies at university, I thoroughly enjoy using my language skills whenever possible – both socially and professionally.
Politics and History	Through my studies, I have developed a keen interest in politics and history. I enjoy keeping up-to-date with current affairs.
Green Technologies	I have an interest in technological solutions which contribute to future sustainable living, from renewable energy solutions and electric vehicles. I own and use an electric car and electric motorbike.

References

Personal references are available on request.