

# John Blakeborough

## Personal Summary

With over 25 years of experience in all aspects of IT whether it be hardware or software related, I remain passionate and committed to keeping abreast of the advances in this field. Having spent 20 years in France I consider myself to be IT bilingual.

I am self-motivated and adaptable with the flexibility to work well as a team member or under my own steam. I possess excellent client facing skills and believe in a meticulous approach towards smooth-running business operations.

## Work Experience

### 2010 - 2016

In 2010 I returned to the UK to become a **full time carer** for my parents. I have worked over the past few years as a **Freelance Photo Restorer** ([see website](#)). I began **studying for a BA (Hons) in Modern Languages** at the Open University, at present I have finished my second year. I also gained **PTTLS** (level 3).

### 2007 - 2010

#### Self-Employed Computer Engineer

A continuation of work that I had started on a part time basis in the 1990's which included the sales and maintenance of custom built computers, installation of software and hardware on site, setting up of home and small business networks, installation of DSL and dial up modems, repair of all makes of computers (desktop & laptop) at both hardware and software level.

An important facet of the service offered was customized training across the whole age spectrum from pre-school children to seniors, covering topics from social networking, photography and how to purchase safely on the net, to using ebay and avoiding malware.

### 2002 - 2007

#### Chief Operator

In charge of production line for Bio breakfast cereals, duties included preparing the mixtures and setting up the production lines.

### 1993 - 2000

#### Receptionist and Night Auditor

As well as the above posts I filled in as manager when the owners were on holiday or indisposed. During this period and up to my return to the UK, I engaged in many temporary assignments replacing staff in the CHR sector (café, hôtels & restaurants) in Lyon & the Rhône-Alpes region.

### 1969 - 1990

From the beginning of my career and throughout my working life the **Print Industry** has formed the central core.

In my formative years working and owning jobbing printers in Liverpool I covered all aspects of the trade including management. This gave me a solid base for my work as a **Print Consultant** in both Kenya and Saudi Arabia, comprising, in the main, with the organisation of print rooms and the training of staff.

On my return to the UK in 1983 and my subsequent job as **Marketing Assistant** at the BBC in London, my main duties included liaison internally with BBC departments and externally with printers with regard to the edition of various publications using the extensive photo collection from the BBC Hulton Picture Library.

From 1987 to 1991 I was the prime mover in the establishment of two companies that utilised the new digital technologies (**IT, DTP** and **high speed photocopying** in b/w and colour) in conjunction with traditional printing techniques.

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## Areas of IT Expertise

### Software

All Windows Clients from 95 to 10, Windows Server 2012r2 (Active Directory, Hyper-V, DNS, DHCP, Storage Spaces, iSCSI, WDS, WSUS), Windows SIM, VMWare, CentOS 7, Debian 8.5, Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator & InDesign, Microsoft Office (to 2013), Open Office, Libre Office, Adobe Brackets, HTML-Kit

### Hardware

Dell (PowerEdge, Precision, Latitude), HP, Supermicro, + most motherboards, Xerox, Canon, Ricoh