Name: Andrew Sowden
Email: work@nedwos.co.uk

Summary

Successfully started and managed IT Consultancy from 1989, I have extensive and relevant experience in Project Management, Man Management, Change Control and Configuration Management.

Architect and designer of various Cloud only automation projects, including Real Estate Management and Social Media Promotions. Full use of AWS Lex, AWS Lambda, Facebook Bots and MS Azure Bot Services.

Designing, architecting and working with Cloud only technology such as fault tolerant and resilient software defined networks, security, data loss prevention, high availability and performance.

In addition, being an "on-the-job instructor" for NVQ Business Administration & Bookkeeping allows me to help SME's get the best enterprise knowledge for their business.

Clean CRB checked; ENTJ

Education

Bachelor of Laws (Honours)
BSc (Honours) Computing and Systems Practice

Career History

Jan 02 – Present   Business Systems and Management Consultant

- Data Loss Prevention and systematic data protection
- Cloud Technology and Systems Architect (AWS GAPPS Azure)
- Providing management, business and administration process improvement services to SME clients
- Finance Manager Estate Agency (rentals and selling)
- Tutor for Business Administration & Bookkeeping NVQ
- Providing monthly management reports (P/L, S/L & G/L including Profit & Loss, Balance Sheet and Budget Reports)
- Sage 50 training, implementation and management
- Payroll processing
- Since 2008, I also manage a charity concerned with Family Law and related issues

Nov 99 - Jan 02   Business Systems Manager (Director) - Fairclough Homes Ltd
                              CQCS, MS SQL*Server, Unix, Visual Basic

As Business Systems Manager I was responsible for all applications within the group. Set standards for IT services. Managed the design and development of SQL*Server based active reporting system linking all disparate systems. Project Management and technical infrastructure support with the introduction of replacement IT systems, including Cost Control, Finance and Legal.

Sep 89 - Nov 99   Managing Director - IT Consultancy

Major Projects directly involved on site:

Mar 98 - Dec 98   ABN Amro Securities Ltd, London
                              CQCS, DEC VAX/VMS, MS WinNT, MS SQL*Server, VB, XTAS

1. Development of Euro compliant operational reports for Funding, Settlements and Product Accounting sections.
2. Advised on development setup within group standards, and enabled porting projects from MS VB 3/ 4 & MS Access to MS VB 5 & MS SQL*Server

Mar 96 - Aug 97   ABN Amro Securities Ltd, London
                              CQCS, DEC VAX/VMS, MS WinNT, Visual Basic, XTAS

Initially contracted to amend and update a suite of Cyberquery Reports for the Fixed income Back Office Funding, Settlements and Middle Office departments. I subsequently heavily involved in the co-ordination of new interface between the Bloomberg Front Office Trade Entry system and Cumulus Back Office system. As part of this, and as a Market Making Bank, ABN needed to report prices. I managed the optimisation of Bloomberg feeds and improved receiving systems to allow timely reception of trade and price data for these regulatory requirements.

With the introduction of a formal Fixed Income Project Office, I was the main contact for IT Resources within Fixed Income Back Office Support.

Recreation & Hobbies

I like reading, technology and music.

My musical tastes are extremely eclectic, ranging from Duffay to dance. With my reading, I tend to focus on factual, business and training, however Steven King and similar are welcome. The publisher Penguin occasionally sends me books to read and review, which I enjoy.

I also volunteer with the local library to specifically help Job Seekers