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What led you to the career path you're on now?

After leaving school I studied Management Science at university and had an interest in solving business problems using IT. My first job was for IBM Global Services where I worked on several government and financial sector projects. After 2 years I moved over to Northern Ireland and joined ICS Computing as a developer and remained there for 22 years, fulfilling roles in development, project management, portfolio management and finally running the architecture team. When ICS were acquired by Equiniti, I moved into a role as an Enterprise Architect, and finally into the Product Team advising on product/solution architecture and strategy.

ELI5: what do Application Modernisation Architects do?

We help companies to use technology in the best way possible for them, so they can improve what they do and how they do it. This helps them to become better, it makes their staff happier, and it means they can provide an amazing service to their customers.

What does your working week look like at a glance?

My role in Version 1 is within the Advisory Services team. I work closely with the sales and account teams, supporting them on bids and customer engagement. I also speak to the delivery practices regarding the proposals we put forward and the innovation team to see where we can deliver added value.

What do you like best about your role?

Every day is different. Each customer has their own unique set of challenges and expectations. I enjoy the variety and get to build relationships with the customer as well as many people across the Version 1 business. There is nothing that I don't like about the role, but due to the demands on time and client deadlines that have to be met, it is important for me to try and balance this with some personal downtime – normally some exercise each day.

What advice would you give to someone looking to join your team?

Gain a good base of knowledge and experience across a broad range of architecture and technology areas, enjoy talking to customers and helping them to drive their businesses forward, and be able to think on your feet with the different challenges that you will face.

Describe your job in 5 words or less.

Varied, challenging and fast moving.

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