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

I've had an interest in computers since my dad bought a ZX81 when I was about 9 years old. After leaving school I was not sure what I wanted to do, so I studied Business Studies at college. However, I got an opportunity in 1993 to join an insurance underwriters as a trainee developer working on Oracle 6 and Forms 3 which was super exciting at the time. That really kick started my career in IT. I stayed as an Oracle SME for about 20 years or so before realising AWS was the future about 6 years ago and I haven't looked back since.

ELI5: what does a Cloud Architect do?

I take requirements from customers and create designs that will turn those requirements in to products or services.

What does your working week look like at a glance?

I am currently working on a green field cloud platform project for a UK public sector client. My day to day time is split between workshops, meetings and creating design documentation.

What do you like best about your role?

The best part is working with like minded people who are all focused on delivering for the customer.

What has been your most memorable moment as a Cloud Architect?

Delivering a complex AWS cloud platform and migrating multiple application services for a government department in 9 months helping them reduce costs and improve their ability to deliver value to the business.

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

A passion for what you do and a genuine interest in technology is a must in my opinion.

Describe your job in 5 words or less.

Delivering technology to enable success.

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