Pandemic and Professional Development
Summary of events

Please find a summary of the events during the pandemic, the effects upon my role, company and subsequent period of professional development:

1. I was employed at AVMI for 12 years as a Crestron and AMX developer within the corporate sector.

2. Consequently the corporate shutdown of the pandemic had a substantial impact on my role and previous employer AVMI such that AVMI was rapidly sold a few months after the initial lockdown in March 2020.

3. In late 2020 with the pandemic still enduring and having not completed any work since March I was made redundant where I received a substantial redundancy package and thankfully had significant savings.

4. At that time there was great uncertainty about the future of the industry and whether the industry would return anytime soon, if at all.

5. By late 2021 with the country was once again returning to lockdown with little prospect of the pandemic ending anytime soon, it was decided to commence a substantial period of professional development within alternate languages.

6. The areas of professional development were within core Java, object orientated programming, computer science and associated technologies.

7. These areas were chosen due to their ubiquity while also building upon, complementing and sharing of many conceptual and structural similarities with Crestron/AMX systems.