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Covering Letter

At my time in school, I was given the name 'Bill', which has stuck with me the rest of my life.

Whilst fully appreciating that at the age of 54 many employees may feel this is a bit late in life to be seeking a new challenge, I feel that I have a lot to offer any new employer, having already gained years of experience in ALL fields of business activity, having been responsible for managing a multi million turnover company for the last 10 years, and my previous role as a systems analyst meant that I had to 'drill down' and fully understand many different aspects of individual parts of many and varied businesses, from small independent estate agents, through to large, multinational fashion brands, in every instance being fully involved in not only providing new solutions for how these business function, but additionally project managing all these changes.

Throughout all my working career, communications have played an important role, being able to not only interact with staff at ALL levels of an organisation, but also able to recognise what was not being said at times, equally as important.

I would appreciate your time spent reviewing my application, and hope to have the opportunity to meet, and discuss any opportunity you may have at some point in the near future.

Personal History

I am 54 years of age, and have spent my whole working life in the **I.T. environment** in many different, and varied roles from analysis, programming, implementation, and project management, since leaving **Huddersfield Polytechnic** (now Huddersfield University) with a **degree** equivalence in **Computer Studies**, in 1984. Prior to that I achieved four 'A' levels (Maths, Further Maths, Physics and General Studies), and eight 'O' Levels at Rishworth Grammar School, near Halifax, West Yorkshire, when I also acquired, and still hold, a full, clean UK Driving licence.

1984 – 1988: On leaving further education I was recruited by **Rolls Royce** in Derby to work in their '**Systems and Computing**' area, completing their '**Graduate** Apprentice' scheme, and moving on to work in the general programming environment.

1988 – 1991: Leaving Rolls Royce I worked for a small software house – **Frazer Howarth Systems** – in Derby, specialising in the specification, and implementation of garment manufacturing systems, involving the complete commercial cycle from Purchasing, through to Manufacturing, MRP, Sales Order Processing, and Stock control, working with companies such as Speedo Europe, Jaeger Menswear, Croda and Ben Sherman Menswear.

1991- 2005 - I then moved on to another software house - **Syntax Software Solutions** – (syntaxsoftware.com) where I once again had responsibility for the full development cycle from initial analysis, through to program specification and finally project managing all the implementations of systems. Once again this company specialised in fashion (Base London Shoes, Hudson Shoes, Maru Swimwear) but also a much broader portfolio including manufacturing systems, Foundry Control and Certification (both mechanical and chemical certification), right through to systems for Estate Agents, Mortgage brokers, Offshore Powerboat timings, the Ice Cream Trade association (full office and competition management), and Credit Reference agencies – simply a very wide range of business activities!

2005 – present: One larger system at Syntax involved the specification, and implementation of a company wide system for a Metal Stockist – **Barpoint Ltd** – (barpointltd.com) in the West Midlands, who I joined as a Director with responsibility for the continuing development, and implementation of the computer systems, which now controls all business activity, including the adherence to the **Aerospace BS-9120** quality system. My duties also include the day to day management of all aspects of the business, from warehouse control through to overseeing the accounts and purchasing activity.

Interests

Offshore Power Boating – I have always been interested in motorsport, and along with my co-driver competed in, and won, the Honda Formula Fourstroke offshore powerboat championship some years ago, and still regularly attend race meetings.

Skiing – I'm a keen skier, and have been for over 25 years, travelling all around Europe.