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I have enjoyed working in a number of industries supporting IT from e-commerce, B2B, Retail and now in Healthcare as Head of Technology specifically supporting Clinical Research on behalf of the NHS. I also publish articles for a number of technology websites and volunteer as an Assessor for Chartered IT Professional status.



I have found that technology often has the same challenges no matter what industry you find yourself working in, and it's fair to say that having consistent standards and measurable skills helps to support all industries as well as an individual's personal development.

Becoming an Assessor is a natural next step in supporting and shaping those standards and ensuring that candidates consistently meet the expectation. For the candidate, this consistency means that the grade achieved 'means something', it has a 'value' to them and it's worth the effort and pain to get it! The process itself and the award must remain valuable and beneficial for both candidates and prospective employers.

Playing my small part in the Assessor process is something very important to me and is one of the best ways to learn about the deployment of new technologies and applications as well as learning about challenges overcome by candidates to deliver their projects, you also learn much about industries you have never even heard of!

The BCS support the Assessors providing everything needed to perform the role including making all the necessary arrangements. As an Assessor you are expected to prepare well and apply consistent measures in your assessments to ensure fairness and quality of the process, as you would expect!

Playing a part in the Assessor process is rewarding and provides insight that you otherwise would never be exposed to. You meet people across the entire spectrum of Business and Technology and have the pleasure of helping candidates to reach the highest standards in the world of Technology...