



David Jelley – CITP & FBCS Assessor

I started my IT career as a computer operator at IBM, which was a great experience, giving me 'hands on' experience of delivering IT services. I progressed into application development holding a number of Chief Architect roles in the development and deployment of European wide solutions for IBM Marketing, Fulfilment and Supply Systems. In the late 90's I joined NatWest bank as an Application Development consultant, expanding my experience to other vendor technologies and developing my knowledge of financial services. Following the takeover by RBS Group, I rejoined IBM with a change of direction, moving into Strategic Outsourcing (SO) Delivery, broadening my architectural experience with the creation of infrastructure solutions for clients across Europe. I am currently a Distinguished Engineer within the Cloud Services Speciality Area with architectural responsibility for standard cloud offerings and customised solutions for SO clients.

I am a member of the IBM UK Architect Profession Board, responsible for advocacy of the profession and the review of professional certification submissions. I strongly believe that within a services business it is critical for our staff to be able to demonstrate their professional competence to clients.

I see the need for professional standardisation and maturity as an industry wide goal. As IT solutions become a 'pick and mix' of technologies and services from a variety of suppliers and in-house teams then consistency across the professional community will be a critical success factor for projects. It is this bigger picture that is my motivation for joining the BCS assessor team and being part of the drive towards professional maturity across the IT industry.

I have greatly benefited from my role as a BCS Assessor, expanding my personal network and gaining a better understanding of other industries and academia from both my co-assessors and the CITP and Fellowship applicants I interview. This coupled with the great support from the Membership team in Swindon and my co-assessors make it pleasure and honour to be part of the Assessor team. I would recommend joining the team to any professional that wants to make a positive impact on maturing our industry.