

## CURRICULUM VITAE of GEORGE BARR

### PERSONAL DETAILS

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### PERSONAL PROFILE



I am a people person, who does not believe in problems, only solutions.

It is my intent to integrate my psychology learning into my computer knowledge, thus allowing the design and development of user friendly websites, where visitors will repeatedly return.

It is my belief that web pages have become overly complicated in their presentation; too much information on one page can be as detrimental to a site as too little. The balance between the two has sadly been missed on many sites and it is my intention to strive to achieve the correct balance. Some designers and developers forget that the general public does appreciate simplicity. My aim is to design websites that the general public can easily understand and use.

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### EDUCATION/ACADEMIC

Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Psychology	2006.
Higher Diploma in Computer Studies	1981.
Certificate in Web Application Development	2006.
Certificate in Social Science (Understanding Social Change)	2002.

### PROFESSIONAL COURSES

The Stock Exchange Clerical Course.

ICL Control Language (CL).

ITL TAD.

IBM SIPO.

VM Install, maintain and manage.

VM Problem determination and source identification.

VM Performance measurement and analysis.

SQL.

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### EMPLOYMENT SUMMARY (Contractual)

- Apr '95 - Jul '97      Network Systems Programmer.  
I.B.M. Netherlands, Zoetermeer.
- Feb '92 - Feb '95      Analyst Programmer.  
I.B.M. UK, Greenock.
- Apr '90 - Dec '91      VM / Network Systems Programmer.  
I.B.M. Netherlands, Uithoorn.
- Jul '87 - Nov '89      VM Systems Programmer.  
I.B.M. Netherlands, Zoetermeer.

### EMPLOYMENT SUMMARY (Permanent)

- Mar '85 - Mar '87      Systems Programming Manager.  
Scottish Development Agency, Glasgow.
- May '84 - Feb '85      Analyst Programmer,  
Clydeport Data Management, Glasgow.
- Apr '83 - Mar '84      Computer Programmer (grades 1 & 2).  
CORAL Racing, Essex.
- Apr '81 - May '82      Computer Programmer.  
Wood, Mackenzie & Co., Edinburgh.
- Sept '80 - Apr '81      Junior Computer Programmer.  
Wood, Mackenzie & Co., Edinburgh.

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### JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Apr '95 - Jul '97      Network Systems Programmer (Contractual IBM).
- Hardware:              IBM 3090.  
Software:              Full range of ACF/Netview products.  
Applications:          SNA Networking.
- Responsibilities:      Negotiations of Documents of Understanding,  
Service level agreements, all of which were  
at an international level.
- Installation, maintenance and management of  
Netview products. Supplying specialist support  
for Netview file transfer (FTP).
- Major Projects:        Obtaining agreement between the Germans,  
British, French, Scandinavians and Americans.
- Feb '92 - Feb '95      Analyst Programmer (Contractual IBM).
- Hardware:              IBM 3090.  
Software:              A.S., SQL, ISQL, XEDIT (macro writing),  
REXX, GDDM, FTP.  
Applications:          Procurements.
- Responsibilities:      To manage all involved computer projects from  
receiving end user requirements up to and  
including final implementation.
- Major Projects:        Vendor League and Report Card,  
Automation of receipt of order confirmation,  
Vendor Base Management,  
Competitive Evaluation.



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Mar '85 – Mar '87    Systems Programmer → Manager (Permanent).

Hardware:            IBM 4381 Q13.  
ITL 4086, STORAGETEK, PC 3270's.

Software:            VM/SP, VM/HPO, full range of operational  
software, A.S., SQL, COBOL.

Applications:        Project Management, Management Accounts,  
Electronic Office, Property Income, Legal (debt  
control), Civil Engineering, Personnel, Office  
management and document retrieval.

Responsibilities:    The installation, maintenance and management  
of all system / operational software. Operational,  
technical, network and management support.  
Problem determination and resolution.  
Capacity planning, performance measurement  
and analysis.  
Systems workload scheduling.  
Man management of systems staff.  
Software and hardware evaluation.  
Software and hardware vendor relations.

Major Projects:      Evaluation, planning, installation and  
implementation of a major hardware and  
software upgrade to the dual processor Q13  
and from FBA DASD to CKD DASD.  
The removal from the IBM VM Hosting service,  
stabilizing the system and removing bottlenecks  
from the system. This resulted in over a 99.9%  
up time of the system, along with vast  
improvements in response time for the end users.

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- May '84 – Feb '85 Analyst Programmer (Permanent).  
(Client – Scottish Development Agency)
- Hardware: CTL (ITL) 4086.  
Software: AOF (advanced operator facility),  
ICE (intelligent communications environment),  
TAD (transaction applications driver),  
COBOL, CORAL, JCL, Report writer.  
Applications: Project management, Management accounts,  
Expenditure, Budgets, Property Income.
- Responsibilities: The maintenance and support of all system,  
networking and applications software.  
The development of all applications.  
Operational support.
- Major Projects: The environment was a very basic batch one. I  
designed, developed and implemented a batch  
scheduler, that allowed operation of the system  
without the need for in house operations staff  
outside of normal office hours.
- Apr '83 – Mar '84 Computer Programmer (Grades 1 & 2) (Permanent).
- Hardware: ICL 1904, ME29.  
Software: GEORGE II, TME, COBOL, JCL, CL (control  
language), GEORGINA.  
Applications: Management accounts, Budgets, Purchase  
ledger, General ledger and Rate of Returns.
- Responsibilities: Writing and maintaining COBOL programs.  
Designing and developing CL operational  
functions.
- Major Projects: The design and development of sophisticated  
Control Language functions that converted  
complex JCL macros to Control Language  
functions.

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- Apr '81 – May '82      Computer Programmer (Permanent).
- Hardware:                ICL 2950.  
Software:                GEORGE II, JCL, COBOL, FORTRAN,  
FILETAB, MAXIMOP.  
Applications:            Management accounts, Rate of Returns and  
Fund management.
- Responsibilities:        Writing and maintaining COBOL and  
FORTRAN programs.
- Major Projects:         Due to my knowledge of both FORTRAN  
and COBOL, I spent much of my time  
maintaining and supporting the Rate of Returns  
application. This was a measurement and  
analysis application that could measure un-like  
by un-like in all aspects of stock investments.
- Sep '80 – Apr '81      Junior Computer Programmer (Permanent).
- Hardware:                ICL 2950.  
Software:                GEORGE II, COBOL, FORTRAN, FILETAB,  
JCL and MAXIMOP.  
Responsibilities:        Writing and maintaining COBOL and  
FORTRAN programs.
- Major Project.            During this period I was working part-time  
For Wood, MacKenzie during the final year  
of my Higher Diploma. I spent the majority of  
the time redesigning their North Sea map and  
index system, which was submitted as my  
college project.

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### Supplementary Information

#### Personal

Due to my wife developing epilepsy, I took a break until she had her condition stabilized. By then I had started my (Honours) degree and decided to complete this before returning to the computing industry. Although it may appear that I have been a long time away from computing, nothing can be further from the truth; much of my spare time has been spent on hardware and software relating to PC's as a result of neighbours, friends and family making use of my availability.

I feel I have been brought up to date via the certificate in web application development, and feel it is the right time for me to re-join the industry.

#### General

I have a very varied experience in computing from application development to system programming management, which I believe can be a valuable asset in the multi-dimensional arena of today's computing environment.