



Alex - Network Engineer

## For Alex, working with digital technologies is not just a job, but a way of life

Alex struggled at school, leaving without any GCSEs. Now he is a qualified Network Engineer, designing, troubleshooting and supporting various network solutions for PCM Stack customers.

A technician by nature, Alex used to use his curiosity and determination to solve internet issues at home – connecting his disabled uncle’s mobility unit to the internet when specialists said it wouldn’t be possible without a hefty fee.

‘I thought if they’re saying he can’t have it, I’m going to find a solution. I will do whatever needs to be done so he can stream football, get access to the internet. Access to the internet is such a massive leap forward, you can learn about anything, you can Google, you can do whatever you want.’

Fast forward six years, and Alex has completed an NVQ Level 2 in Business & Hospitality, obtained his GCSEs, and was the first person in the country to complete and gain a Distinction for BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT, Level 4 Networking Engineering Apprenticeship.

His tip for future technicians? ‘Adapt, and always set yourself targets to achieve. You can do whatever you want to do in life with hard work and focus.’

2011  
Left school without any GCSEs

2012  
Completed a Level 2 NVQ in Business/Hospitality to get into college

2014  
Achieved 6 GCSEs at college, with A\* , including Physics, Chemistry, Psychology, Sociology, Law and ICT

2015  
Completed a Level 3 advanced ICT apprenticeship

2017  
Passed the BCS Level 4 Network Engineering Trailblazer Apprenticeship with distinction; becoming the 1st to do so

2017  
Became a full-time Network Engineer with Stack Interconnect

2017  
Professionally registered with RITTech, gaining the MBCS & RITTech initials after his name

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