



Career Options with COMPUTACENTER

WORKING WITH OUR ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL

Company Overview



2015
£3.05bn
Adjusted
Revenue



13,500
Colleagues



5 HQ's in Europe

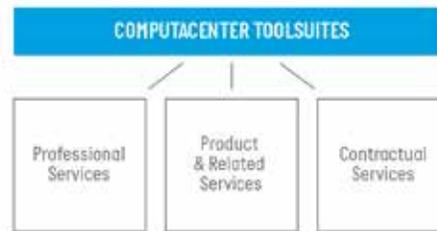


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Countries around
the globe serviced

Europe's leading independent provider of IT infrastructure services



OUR TOOLS



Enabling Users in a Digital World

Customers

Rolls-Royce
Direct Line Group
Worcestershire NHS
HAYS
Nationwide
NFU Mutual
Network Rail
Post Office
Unison
AstraZeneca
Lloyds Banking Group
Royal Mail Group
Santandar
BT
Yorkshire Building Society
HSBC
Serco
RWE



Putting Military experience to work

Kevin Graham

I served in the Royal Navy for 9 years, and pursued a specialisation as a marine electro-engineer. The comraderie you experience in the armed forces is unique because you put your life on the line for each other. The discipline and structure of the navy creates a beast in you that doesn't just get set aside when you leave. I've sometimes got into trouble for always being early for meetings. You become accustomed to an environment where the chain of command is absolute and working under pressure.

In some ways I can say that learned in the military "how not to manage". You realise when you leave that there are other ways you can develop and motivate people. But if I'm asked if I would repeat my military career again, the answer is always an emphatic yes!

The change of leaving the Navy was initially quite difficult. The transition to a new career brings the fear of the unknown. In the forces you're not afraid, you're conditioned to be and respond in a certain way. When you leave, however, new fears and anxieties come to the fore... family, money, kids. You have time now to worry about new things.

Kevin Graham, Head of Facilities

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My father was in the Navy, and after school I served as a submariner in the Royal Navy for 4 years. As the Navy needs a pool of qualified, available people, I gave 18 months notice which is similar to succession planning in the corporate world. When I left, however, I didn't know what was going to be next for me - I went back to college and focused on IT as I had an aptitude for it. I was fortunate to be in the right place at the right time, and after working initially with IBM and then ATT, I've now been with Computacenter for 17 years.

In the Navy soft skills are key: you need to have confidence in your own ability, be self-disciplined and motivated. During the intensity of basic training you're not given time to think - trust in each other is paramount. You're fully reliant on each other and train for the worst case scenarios.

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A new career with a global company

At Computacenter we see our role in employing ex-servicemen to be an integral part of our CSR. We have a company culture that actively supports our workforce and the communities in which we operate. As a senior management team, many of us have gone through a course at Sandhurst to develop leadership skills and help us understand “followship” as well.

We are proud that Computacenter is very empowered and that our people have the freedom to progress and do the right thing. We are looking for certain values and behaviours that fit into Computacenter, and as we recruit, it’s helpful for us to get a picture of how someone likes to be managed. Within our logistics group we need good team players: people who are reliable, logical and understand structure. The armed forces is a natural place to find these qualities.

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