

# Stefan's story - How One Student Benefited from Computeach's Training

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Computeach, one of the UK's leading IT Training (<http://www.computeach.co.uk/>) specialists, has helped hundreds of people change their careers and their lives by delivering flexible, affordable courses that give students recognised qualifications. Stefan Burt is one of those people and has told his story about how Computeach gave him a new start and a career change that has helped him break the cycle of unstable freelance contracts.

Before enrolling with Computeach Stefan had a career in IT, but was facing the same setbacks time and again. He didn't have the experience of computer programming that he needed to move forward with his career. Previously he had been working as a freelance web designer but with big gaps in between contracts leading to long periods of unemployment, it was starting to affect not only his quality of life but his development as an IT professional as well. Constantly repeating this cycle of work/no work and not being able to make a solid break into the IT industry, Stefan knew that something had to change. He decided that the flexibility of being able to choose when he studied and to fit that study in around his current career was important, and enrolled on a Computeach course as a Java Certified Programmer.

The Computeach courses allowed Stefan to study at his own pace and to have time to explore aspects of IT and programming without the pressure of a commercial deadline. He knew that entering the IT industry can be difficult if you don't have the right level of experience and on the job training can be hard due to client expectations and deadlines.

As Stefan says; "being able to train in your own time allows you to take away some of the learning curve before taking on a big project."

From the outset a team of experienced professionals guided Stefan through every step of the course. The structure of the course enabled him to build a good working relationship with his tutor and to be able to practice the concepts laid out in the coursebooks until he not only had an understanding of them, but was able to relate that understanding to practical applications and come up with solutions. The workbooks supplied with the course are designed to help the student understand the complex aspects of computer architecture and the best ways to tackle programming problems.

As Stefan began to look for work he contacted the careers department for help with that all-important CV. With their help he managed to turn it from an average resume into a professional document that stood out from the crowd. The expert team also gave him advice on how to handle interviews and encouraged him to carry on his search for the job that suited his newly acquired skills-set. Combined with his previous IT experience, this stood him in good stead and he has now managed to find a full time job in his home town that he enjoys immensely.

Stefan is just one of Computeach's many success stories. With his own personal commitment to changing his life and career and Computeach's flexible and professional approach to teaching new skills, Stefan and many others like him have been able to open up career doors that may have remained closed forever.

"I feel that I've finally made real advances which have helped me not just in my career, but in my personal life as well," concludes Stefan.

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