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Summary

For 20+ years I have worked as an IT Project Manager, with two key roles to my job:

DELIVERY: managing the delivery of over 100 projects over my career, for a wide range of project topics, such as cloud migrations, application development and deployment, servers, storage and office relocations, working for clients in financial services, insurance and government sectors. I have managed projects all over the world, devising and allocating work packages, managing resources located in other countries and time-zones, whilst I remained in the UK, managing different types of resources; cloud/server/storage/network engineers, DBAs, Architects, InfoSec, PMO and Programme Managers. My role has always been to ensure that subject matter experts can do their job and removing blockers when they arise.

GOVERNANCE: The other key part of my job has been the management of projects, tracking and controlling multi-million-pound budgets, working with executive stakeholders presenting progress and issues at Project Board meetings, liaising with the Project Management Office and meeting their requirements, status reporting, RAID control, lessons learned logs - typical project management artefacts.

Core Competencies

I have managed the delivery of such a variety of technologies and applications, often with no prior experience, so the key is to understand the technology/application, so I can liaise at a technical level with subject matter experts who do the nuts and bolts installs an config and be useful to help them deliver. You can see the extent of my career history on my website, www.mkklion.com/it.

- Application development, deployment and testing to on-premise or Azure & AWS cloud datacentres.
- Datacentre migrations, consolidations & decommissioning.
- Service transition & support handover.
- Stakeholder management & communication
- Team leadership and mentoring.
- Vendor & partner management.
- Managing projects using different techniques; Agile, Scrum, Waterfall or a hybrid mix.
- Budget management & cost optimisation, RAID control, reporting to stakeholders.

IT Project Management Work History

If I put my entire work history on this CV it would be ten pages long, so you can see every project and type of work I have developed over my career, on my website, www.mkklion.com/it

Most Recent Work History

IT Project Manager – The Access Group
Feb 2025 – April 2026 | Contract

- Part of a team to move applications for 100 Government and Health Trust customers, from legacy datacentres to a new on-premise location.
- Planning and deployment of Cortex anti-virus and Kesaya VSA patching tools to 2,500 Linux servers.
- Upgrading and replacing ageing out of support infrastructure.
- Planning the decommission of two datacentres, when everything had been migrated out.

IT Project Manager – Lloyd's of London
Jul 2024 – Dec 2024 | Contract

- I delivered improvements to submission services used by Managing Agents and Syndicates. I managed Agile delivery with the Scrum Master, deployment runbooks and ensured service transition readiness.

IT Project Manager – London Stock Exchange Group
Jul 2020 – Jul 2023 | Contract

- In 2020, I project managed the build, deployment and testing of Google Anthos containerisation in under 6 months — this was a first installation for a financial company in the UK.
- I managed the deployment of CloudHealth optimisation saving £3M in cloud costs.
- I managed the deployment of Snowflake on AWS, replacing Oracle workloads.

IT Project Manager – TP ICAP
Jan 2020 – Jun 2020 | Contract

- I managed the migration of 20 applications and 80+ databases to new a new on-premise datacentre, as part of a larger programme to close three older data centres, within 6 months.
- I upgraded older instances of Oracle to 19c, incl. decommissioning of the original estate and transition.

IT Project Manager – Lloyd's of London
Feb 2019 – Dec 2019 | Contract

- I managed the migration of 180 applications and 1,200+ servers/databases to Azure from on-premise. I managed a small team including Cloud Server Engineers, a Network Engineer for firewall changes, an IT Architect and a Communications lead to liaise with application owners, reporting back to the Programme Manager. The project has a budget of £3.1M. We used Azure DevOps and Agile to manage the delivery. The project was completed on-time and on-budget.

IT Project Manager – MS Amlin Insurance
Jun 2015 – Dec 2018 | Contract

- Delivered £3M/yr savings consolidating IT services from multiple partners to a single service provider.
- I managed the creation of new DR plans for 25 mission-critical applications where DR didn't work, migrating over 100 the servers from on-premise to Azure and testing the DR failover and roll-back.
- I upgraded Microsoft Dynamics for 400+ users across 9 countries, implementing a thorough test plan with as many user case variables we could think of' to test device type, OS & browser combinations, country, company network v public and private WiFi. Everything we could think of. The strategy proved successful because users and data were migrated to the new version without issue.

Education & Certifications

- 2026 - I am currently studying for the Oracle Primavera P6 Professional certification.
- 2007 - PRINCE2 (Foundation & Practitioner) – Learning Tree, UK
- 1993 - MSc, Information Technology – Warwick University
- 1992 - BSc, Accounting & Computing (2:1 with Distinction) – De Montfort University

Interests

In 2024, after a long period out of work, I identified the need for more than one source of income if I am going to continue with IT contracting. So, I began developing a plan to sell drop-ship products, where I could harness as much automation as possible.

In 2026, I was without an IT contract for six months, so I used the time productively to build and deploy systems. By September 2026, I had five active websites (see www.mkklion.com), selling over 7,500 clothing and cosmetics products. By automating the end-to-end process from ordering to payment processing to manufacturing to distribution, I can still devote my time during the day to IT project work. I am currently investigating Agentic AI-driven social media publishing to promote the products and brand.

Creating successful online businesses is part of a long-term plan over the next five years to become my main source of income.

I also enjoy writing. I have written over twenty books, available on Amazon, two of them relating to IT project management, "How to Manage a Project (2023)" and "IT Planning for Large Sporting Events (2015)". One of those books was picked up by a London publisher but only achieved minimal success because I learned once publisher had no interest in marketing to make the book a success - an important lesson learned. I am currently producing a series of short, animated videos for children, based on some of the books, that will be available on YouTube Kids.

References

Available upon request

- Nicole Harvey, Transformation Director, The Access Group
- Dean Peacock, Portfolio Manager, Lloyd's of London
- Garrie Masson, Transformation Director, Lloyd's of London