

# MY CAREER PATH

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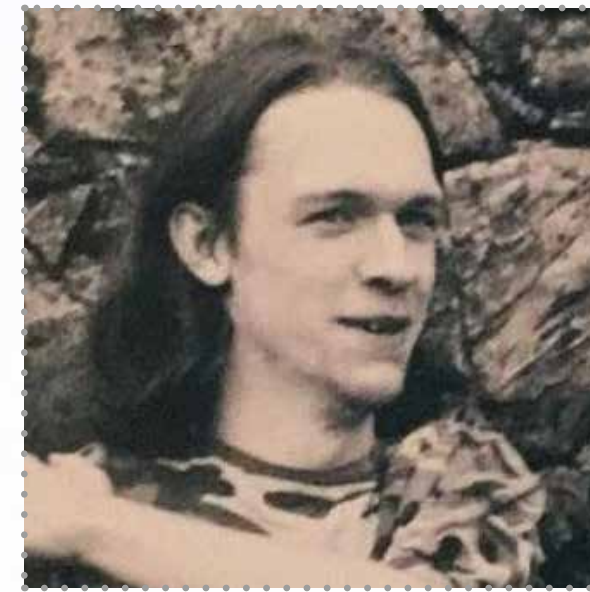
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# Gavin works for The Office of the Government Chief Information Officer as an ICT Specialist.

"I would definitely recommend a career in the public service. You will be involved with more diverse projects, you will meet a wide variety of people from all walks of life. You will have more opportunities to progress and work in new and interesting fields. You will have opportunities to train and upskill yourself. You will be treated fairly."



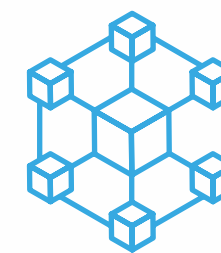
At age 16, while I was in transition year, I got my first job in McDonald's. When filling out my CAO form I only knew that I wanted to do something with computers.



Thankfully I got enough points in the Leaving Cert and I went to college to study a BSC in Computing. For the 3rd year of my course, I was able to do work experience for a year in a multinational company which turned out to be really beneficial for my career.



One of the first things you learn when you leave college is that you don't know everything and you never stop learning new skills and knowledge.



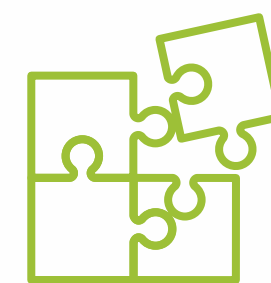
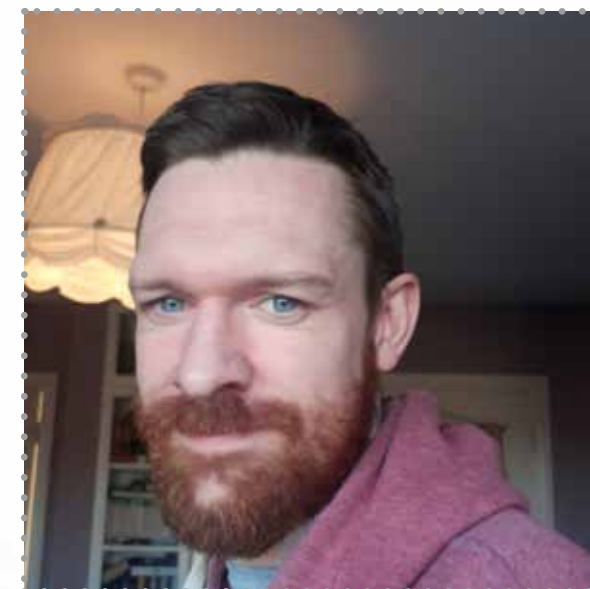
After college, I took a few temporary contract computing jobs before getting a permanent job. I worked in a large multinational corporation for 7 years in a variety of computing roles.



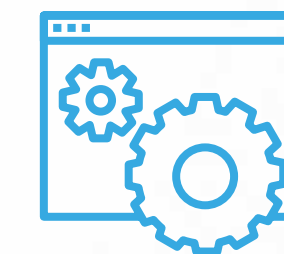
I was fortunate to get a role in the public service, which in many ways has been the accumulation of all my roles (including fast food server) to date.



What attracted me to this specific role was the job description. I remember getting excited at the fact that the job requirements seemed to look for nearly everything I had ever done in my career to date. I didn't think I would actually get the role.



The great thing about the public sector is the opportunities to upskill, both through the internal civil services learning and development centre and the ability to do private courses. You are given the opportunity to work on interesting and challenging issues that help with the running of the country.



I work with the "Build To Share" team, our job is to build software that is used throughout government departments. The software we make helps reduce costs and improves works practices.



My job is to help roll out our software to the different departments and government bodies. This role allows me to work with lots of different people from every aspect of the public sector. I try to identify issues that could be solved with software.



# Job Specification – ICT Specialist



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<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	Office of Government Chief Information Officer <a href="#">Learn more here</a>
<b>SALARY</b>	€48,868 per annum *subject to change
<b>ROLE DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>Software Development roles will suit anyone with an interest in further developing their software development career including in software and application development (programming) including for mobile, web development and analytics.</p> <p>In addition to the technical side associated with any ICT Specialist role, the role also involves other activities associated with ICT/ digital service delivery such as budget and people management, project management, research, and assessment of projects from a feasibility and value for money perspective.</p> <p>Anyone in this job will be encouraged and supported to undertake further education, training and certification so as to build their technical and professional skills!</p>
<b>REQUIREMENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A qualification at Level 7 on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) major award (i.e., ordinary degree), or higher, in a relevant computing or computational discipline and at least 3 years directly relevant *ICT hands-on experience from your employment to date <b>OR</b></li><li>• A qualification at Level 8 on the NFQ major award (i.e. honours degree), or higher, with computing/computational modules taken in the final year and at least 3 years directly relevant *ICT hands-on experience from your employment to date <b>OR</b></li><li>• A Level 6 NFQ major award qualification, or higher, in a relevant computing or computational discipline and at least 5 years directly relevant *ICT hands-on experience from your employment to date <b>OR</b></li><li>• At least two professional qualifications in a relevant area of ICT (see page 7 for a range of examples) and at least 5 years directly relevant *ICT hands-on experience from your employment to date.</li></ul>
<b>APPLICATION PROCESS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Register up for job alerts on publicjobs.ie to know when opportunities become available</li><li>2. Completion of an online Assessment Questionnaire.</li><li>3. Online and/or paper-based assessment test(s).</li><li>4. Presentation/Analysis and interview.</li></ol>

