**Contractor demand grows as market conditions improve…**

The UK economy showed clear signs of recovery during 2013 and we've continued to see incremental growth, so far, in 2014. This growth, in recruitment terms, is visible in the breadth of clients that we're currently working with and the variety of roles we're being asked to fill.

Our clients are now embarking on IT projects that have effectively been on hold for the last few years. Consequently, they are recruiting staff on a permanent and contract basis, to ensure projects are completed successfully and favourable market conditions are capitalised on.

For IT contractors, 2013 could best be described as a steady year. Yet, in 2014 the demand for contractors, particularly with skills in business analysis, testing and certain areas of software development, has increased significantly.

In the North East, a handful of organisations recruiting multiple positions, has also seen contractor rates rise back to 2008-2009 levels. Nationally, the picture is very much the same, with additional skills such as Java and SQL development also in demand.

Nigel Wright has been working alongside local and national business for three decades, providing them with fast and efficient IT contractor recruitment solutions.

With market conditions improving, candidate scarcity is becoming a problem again, yet we have a well established database of the best IT talent, enabling us to consistently supply clients with excellent shortlists of candidates, quickly.

For further information about how we can assist you, please contact:
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*Chris Dresser and Tim Rishworth have worked in IT recruitment for over 14 years and have a strong record of delivering highly skilled, experienced contractors across a range of technical disciplines. Whether you have used contractors before or have never considered using this type of resource, Chris and Tim are always on hand to provide advice, guidance or CVs, so please do not hesitate to get in touch for a discussion about how contractors could add real value to your IT team.*

Below are some of our active candidates, who are currently seeking new opportunities.

- **Java Developer:**
  o *Available:* End of August.
  o *Skills and knowledge:* MVC, Maven, Hibernate, Agile/Scrum.
  o *Experience:* Fifteen years commercial development experience working for large multinationals and SMEs.

- **SQL Developer/DBA:**
  o *Available:* Immediately.
  o *Skills and knowledge:* ETL and data warehousing; strong development skills and a thorough understanding of database support and administration.
  o *Experience:* Most recently worked on design and build of Microsoft BI infrastructure, including SharePoint, SQL 2012, SSAS and SSRS.

- **Business Analyst:**
  o *Available:* Immediately, following completion of contract for Nigel Wright.
  o *Skills and knowledge:* Strong technical skills in ETL and data migration; excellent understanding of waterfall and agile development methodologies.

- o *Experience:* Worked in public and private sector businesses, running workshops to gather requirements, before developing functional specifications

- **C# Developer:**
  - o *Available:* October, following completion of contract outside of the region.
  - o *Skills and knowledge: A very experienced developer. MVC4, Knockout JS, Twitter Bootstrap and Entity Framework all gained within Visual Studio environment (including re-sharper and TFS).*
  - o *Experience: Currently working within the oil and gas industry and previously within another large scale organisation, as well as a number of SME/start-up businesses. Happy within a large or small company culture, and able to adapt to processes and procedures in use.*

- **Project Manager**
  - o *Available:* Immediately, following completion of contract for Nigel Wright in 2014.
  - o *Skills and knowledge:* Information Governance, Windows 7 deployment, implementation of ITIL service management standards and an ERP selection.
  - o *Experience:* Managed a variety of projects. Worked within large public and private sector organisations managing multi discipline teams and external resources when required.

- **Service Desk Analyst**
  - o *Available:* September.
  - o *Skills and knowledge:* A good level of technical knowledge; able to resolve many first line issues in Window 7 and XP desktop/laptops, printer problems, mobile devices, Outlook and permissions within public and shared folders.
  - o *Experience:* An excellent background in general 'customer support' before moving into more technical roles.

- **Desktop Support Engineer**
  - o *Available*: Immediate
  - o *Skills and knowledge*: Highly skilled ITIL v3 qualified desktop support technician, with many years experience in 1st and 2nd line support. Experienced in ITIL environment, supporting Microsoft/Apple/Blackberry, Citrix and VM technologies, hardware and software installations, upgrades and maintenance, including VPN and network support.
  - o *Experience*: Recently completed a 12 month position within a public sector environment but previously part of a small internal IT department for a privately owned company. Enjoys being more hands on, with a good level of user interaction.

- **Network Support**
  - o *Available:* Currently in permanent employment but wants to move into a contract role.
  - o *Skills and knowledge:* Cisco WLAN and virtual Wi-Fi controller, ASA Firewall implementation, physical to virtual migration including DR strategy.
  - o *Experience:* Has supported two data centres and an organisation with over 100 sites.