

OptimumFX are delighted to introduce Stephen Matthews:

Following on after his A-levels, Steve completed a time-served apprenticeship in Electrical Engineering whilst attending University part time, to gain his ONC and HNC in Electrical and Electronic Engineering.

Steve qualified as an Electrical Design Engineer whilst working for a global automotive OEM. His training not only included electrical control panel design (primary role), but also electrical wiring installation, commissioning, purchasing, supplier / sub-contractor auditing amongst other responsibilities.

After qualifying, Steve followed the natural progression from control panel design to HMI and PLC programming and then on to SCADA design and robot controller programming. In this role, Steve worked for nearly all of the major automotive manufacturers both in the UK and abroad, travelling across Europe, USA, Canada and as far afield as South Korea.

In parallel to his primary role as a Control Systems Engineer, Steve's training also included the fields of project management, contract law, quality standards etc

Having spent nearly 15 years in the automotive industry, Steve decided to spend a while contracting where he was immediately snapped up by his previous employer(!) before finally escaping the car industry to do a stint for Rockwell Automation and then on to the petro-chemical industry working on SCADA systems for subsea controls.

Marriage and impending fatherhood resulted in a return to permanent work as an automation consultant, primarily in the Food & Beverage industry, before ultimately joining OptimumFX in his current position.