



Technical Selection

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Nourish your hopes but do not overlook realities

With the employment rate the highest since records began in 1971, the unemployment rate the lowest since 1975 and a real time increase in wages, it is no wonder that the monthly Optimism Index is bucking its average long term trend of 100. As Winston Churchill says 'nourish your hopes, but do not overlook realities' - so this month's Tech Connect also brings you tips on how to move into the modern era of IT and how to harness the new generation of digital talent.

Warm regards from the team at ETS

Apple lifts the lid on its elite engineers

Apple has thrown its support behind the government's Year of Engineering by lifting the lid on its elite engineers working in the UK – and introducing them to classes full of children. It has for the first time fully revealed the team it has working on some of its most important products, designing chips and other important parts of its new iPhones, iPads and more.

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The new era of IT is marching on

Far too many of today's corporations are still weighed down by the way IT worked in the past. They're wasting money, time and resources on outdated Information Technology infrastructure. Read the full article below to find out the three steps business leaders should take to move into this modern era of IT.

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Survey: Average Salaries

April 2018

Sales Engineer

£37,500

no change over last month

↓ 2% over last month

Project Engineer

£41,570

IT Helpdesk

£17,000

↓ 26% over last month

↑ 12% over last month

Graduate Engineer

£32,500

Design Engineer

£42,500

no change over last month

source: total jobs

The skills the UK games industry is desperate for

There just aren't enough candidates with experience in senior and lead roles to meet the demands of the video game industry and in terms of hard skills, many are struggling to find experienced coders.

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UK businesses intent on hiring at record high, new research shows

UK firms' hiring intentions are at record highs as business output hit a seven month high, new research shows. BDO reports that its monthly Optimism Index, which measures how firms expect their order books to develop over the next six months, saw UK business output rise up to 100.05 in March from 99.78 in February.

It says the rise bucks the average long-term trend of 100, and is the highest reading since August last year.

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News In Brief

Britain's first specialist engineering university will take school-leavers without A-level maths or physics to boost the number of female students. [Read more](#)

Here are six of the biggest and best UK and European engineering events this summer. [Read more](#)

UK labour market: April 2018

Here are some of the main points for December 2017 to February 2018 -

There were 32.26 million people in work, 427,000 more than for a year earlier.

The employment rate was 75.4%, the highest since comparable records began in 1971.

The unemployment rate was 4.2%, the lowest since 1975.

Latest estimates show that average weekly earnings for employees in real terms increased by 0.2% excluding bonuses, and by 0.1% including bonuses, compared with a year earlier.

[Read the full report](#)

Harnessing the new generation of digital talent

Employers are struggling to fill 43 per cent of STEM vacancies, and the Federation of Small Businesses reports that 22 per cent of business owners think a lack of digital skills is holding them back. But what if the biggest issue isn't simply a lack of supply, but one of outdated recruitment processes and attitudes blocking access to the wealth of young digital talent seeking to get a foot on the career ladder?

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Responsibility is key for

London's SMEs

On the plus side, SMEs are seen as more 'human' in how they treat staff and customers, more visible and relatable and more likely to demonstrate ethics in their supply chain. The challenge for SMEs is time. Today, many large corporations will have dedicated teams working on their responsible business strategies. Most SMEs won't, but this doesn't have to hold organisations back

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Book Corner

Ahead in the Cloud: Best Practices for Navigating the Future of Enterprise IT by Stephen Orban: Cloud computing is the most significant technology development of our lifetimes.

