

# Gavin Watson

## Resume

**Date of birth** - 28<sup>th</sup> July 1972      **Nationality** – British - Legal British & Spanish Citizen  
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**Personal** - Non smoker, car owner, full clean UK license.

## Personal skills

I am an extremely hard working, confident and resilient person completely dedicated to my work. I am able to work extremely well under stress and have gained great people skills with over 15 years managerial experience in the media and telecommunications industry. I am passionate about technology, electronics, telecommunications, IT and media.

## Experience

- **1992 – 2000** - Launched **Omega Electronics**. A TV, Hi-Fi, Computer and satellite system repair centre. After various years trading we achieved the status of official Sharp and Sanyo repair centre for our area. We successfully repaired thousands of TV/Video/Hi-Fi/Computer/Satellite units and installed hundreds of individual and community satellite and TV systems. This experience gave me a great knowledge of electronics, components, usage of field strength meters, spectrum analysers, test equipment, logic faultfinding and troubleshooting.
- **1998 – 2000** - Launched **Omega M.M.D.S. Systems**. As the founder and Technical Director of this project, I was solely responsible for the installation and maintenance of the 6 channel head end broadcast system including the satellite dishes, receiving equipment, modulators, transmitters and antenna system.
- **1999 – 2003** - Launched **Omega Sound Systems**. Our company took commercial control of an existing sound and lighting rental company to further develop the business. The company's assets included two complete 30kW sound and 64kW lighting rigs. During my four years involvement with the company I learnt a vast amount of experience on the audio side of the business (planning events, concerts, sound engineering, etc...)
- **1995 – 2006** - Launched **Power FM** radio, which grew from a small local radio station for expats in Tenerife to the largest English radio network in Spain. Apart from acting as the Station's Director for 11 years I was also the Technical Director, solely responsible for the stations broadcast, studios and IT infrastructure (over 11 broadcast sites, 4 regional studios with opt-outs...).
- **2005 – 2008** - Launched **Canaries Wireless**. A W.I.S.P. (Wireless Internet Service Provider) which furthered my IT, RF and telecommunications knowledge. Along with my business partner we designed and developed a fully functional WISP (Wireless Internet Service Provider), sourcing all equipment and technology including online payment gateways, hotspot and management software, DSL load balancing, system monitoring, etc. Serving wireless internet over a 50 km radius to residential clients and also integrates various hotspots for occasional use.

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- **2006 – 2008** - Station Manager and Technical Director – **Power FM & Pure Gold** radio. After the sale of the station in 2006, I stayed on as Station Manager and Technical Director. In my position as Technical Director, I was solely responsible for the networks 4 regional studios, 11 broadcast sites and complete IT infrastructure.
- **2000 – 2008** - Launched **Easyweb Communications**, an Internet design and hosting company, giving me great IT knowledge and telephone support to end users troubleshooting a wide variety of IT problems. This venture has given me a good working knowledge of building, configuring and managing both 'real' and 'virtual' servers.
- **2008 – Present** - Transmitter Engineer at **National Grid Wireless (now Arqiva)**. Gaining further broadcast experience in Analogue and Digital TV and DAB working as part of a broadcast team in the South of the UK maintaining broadcast networks for clients such as the BBC. In my position with National Grid Wireless I am broadening my broadcast knowledge not only through the many training courses being implemented but with hands on experience on the wide variety of broadcast systems we maintain (Analogue and Digital TV, Analogue and Digital radio, Mobile Phone Networks, etc...) for clients such as BBC National TV (Analogue & Digital, Freeview, BBC National radio, Virgin (Absolute) Radio, BAA (Heathrow T5), to name just a few.

## Education

- **1977 – 1982** – Hillgrove – Bangor (Wales – UK).
- **1982 – 1985** – Colegio Publico de Tamaimo – Tenerife (Spain).
- **1985 – 1990** – I.B. Guia de Isora – Tenerife (Spain).
- **Current** – City & Guilds Electronics Engineering.
- Fluent in English and Spanish (to Mother Tongue level), both oral and written.
- Antenna design and principles. (including RF awareness).
- Broadcast Fundamentals (DTT, DAB, Baseband signals, Modulation (Analogue & Digital).
- Rohde & Schwartz DTT, Harris Hirschmann DAB, CML DTT courses.
- Audio editing training courses.
- Radio operator course (EA8 CEL).